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**S 603. NUTRIENT RUNOFF/EXTEND RULE SUNSET DATE.** Filed 3/7/07. *TO EXTEND THE SUNSET FOR THE LAW THAT SETS THE PER POUND FACTOR USED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMISSION TO CALCULATE NUTRIENT OFFSET PAYMENTS AND REQUIRE THAT THE NUTRIENT OFFSET PAYMENT FOR NITROGEN BE CALCULATED AS IT WAS PRIOR TO CERTAIN RULE AMENDMENTS.*

SL 2006-215, as amended, (1) lowered the rates from the fee increases adopted by the Environmental Management Commission in 2006 for the per pound nutrient offset fee rates for calculating the offset payment for discharges of nitrogen and phosphorous in the Neuse and Tar-Pamlico river basins to \$11/pound of nitrogen and \$11/per quarter pound of phosphorous and (2) required the Department of Environment and Natural Resources to refund fees paid in excess of this amount. This act extends the sunset date of SL 2006-215 by one year, from September 1, 2007, to September 1, 2008.

**Intro. by Malone.**

STUDY