

April 8, 2009

**H 1236. PROMOTE WATER USE EFFICIENCY.** Filed 4/8/09. *TO PROMOTE VOLUNTARY, YEAR-ROUND WATER CONSERVATION AND WATER USE EFFICIENCY MEASURES BY COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL WATER USERS.*

Enacts new GS 143-355.2(h1) to allow users of water for commercial or industrial purposes to establish a voluntary water conservation and water use efficiency certification program to encourage and promote the use of year-round water conservation and water use efficiency measures. Certification may only be issued to a person that (1) meets the standards set forth under the program, including implementation of measures that reduce water consumption by 20% or more on an ongoing basis and (2) utilizes the services of a licensed plumbing contractor to measure water flow and inspect equipment for leaks to determine compliance with those standards. Provides that a certified person is deemed in compliance with any water conservation measures under this statute and is not required to implement additional water conservation measures during periods of drought or water emergency.

**Intro. by Gibson.**

GS 143

May 6, 2009

**H 1236. PROMOTE WATER USE EFFICIENCY.** Filed 4/8/09 . House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition.

Provides that certification program is to be established by trade or professional association; requires showing of reduction by 20% for previous calendar year for certification; and requires inspection annually by licensed contractor. In lieu of previous provision that state and local governments are not to impose additional conservation efforts beyond those of certified program, provides that local government imposing water conservation measures must credit commercial and industrial water user with reductions under certification program for six months before most extreme drought designation. Also provides that users certified under program may not be required to reduce consumption more than any other class of commercial or industrial water users. Adds provision that credit can be denied to user who is not complying with certification program. Changes effective date to January 1, 2010.

May 13, 2009

**H 1236. PROMOTE WATER USE EFFICIENCY.** Filed 4/8/09. House amendment makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Amends proposed GS 143-355.2(h1)(1) to provide that a facility may have its annual inspection in order to receive or maintain its water use efficiency certification completed by either a plumbing contractor or a licensed irrigation contractor (was, inspection by a plumbing contractor).

August 4, 2009

**H 1236. PROMOTE WATER USE EFFICIENCY.** Filed 4/8/09. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 3rd edition. Amends proposed GS 143-355.2(h1) to delete the provision's application to users of water for industrial purposes. Allows a trade or professional organization representing *commercial car washes* to establish a voluntary water conservation and water use efficiency certification program. Provides that in order to receive and maintain certification, a person must have its facility inspected on an annual basis by a licensed plumbing contractor (was, or a licensed irrigation contractor) who will confirm that the applicant is in compliance with the standards of the certification program (was, who will measure water flow and inspect equipment for leaks to determine compliance). Requires the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) to determine whether a program effectively utilizes industry best management practices for the efficient use of water and achieves year-round reductions in water to qualify as a certification program. Specifies certain best management practices. Provides that, if a unit of local government determines whether a certified individual is not complying with the program (was, local government must request that the Division of Water Resources in DENR investigate and determine noncompliance), it may refuse to recognize and credit the conservation measures. Makes technical and conforming changes, including to the title and a whereas clause.

September 1, 2009

**SL 2009-480 (H 1236). PROMOTE WATER USE EFFICIENCY. AN ACT TO PROMOTE VOLUNTARY, YEAR-ROUND WATER CONSERVATION AND WATER USE EFFICIENCY MEASURES BY COMMERCIAL CAR WASHES.** Summarized in *Daily Bulletin* 4/8/09, 5/6/09, 5/13/09, and 8/4/09. Enacted August 26, 2009. Effective January 1, 2010.