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**H 1238. MORE RECYCLING AT LARGE EVENTS AND VENUES.** Filed 4/8/09. *TO FACILITATE SOLID WASTE REDUCTION, REUSE, AND RECYCLING PROGRAMS AT LARGE VENUES AND LARGE EVENTS.*

Enacts a new GS 130A-309.09E to require that Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) (1) make one or more model ordinances available to local governments to facilitate solid waste reduction, reuse, and recycling programs at large venues and large events; (2) while developing the model ordinance, consult with representatives of the North Carolina League of Municipalities, the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners, recyclers, private and public solid waste services and appropriate personnel involved with the operation and management of large venues and large events; (3) post information on DENR's website on the solid waste reduction, reuse, and recycling programs for implementation by operators of large venues and large events (operators) to decrease solid waste and increase diversion of recyclable materials; and (4) post information on DENR's website for local agencies with examples of solid waste reduction, reuse, and recycling programs.

Requires that a unit of local government (1) when issuing a permit to an operator, provide information to the operator on programs that can be implemented to reduce, reuse, and recycle solid waste materials generated at the venue or event and contact information of facilities where solid waste materials may be donated, recycled, or composted and (2) beginning October 1, 2010, and annually thereafter, provide DENR with an estimate and description of the top 10% of large venues and events within its jurisdiction, based upon amount of solid waste generated. Specifies information to be included in the report and requires the report to be submitted as part of the local government's report on solid waste management programs and waste reduction activities under GS 130A-309.09A. Requires each operator, by July 1, 2010, and annually thereafter, to submit to the unit of local government written documentation of waste reduction, reuse, recycling, and diversion programs, if any, implemented at the venue or event. The operator may include a brief explanation for delay of implementation if necessary. Also requires those operators, by July 1, 2010, and every even-numbered year thereafter, to meet with recyclers and solid waste handlers to determine appropriate programs for a venue or event. Specifies that an operator may develop a plan and a time line for implementation when determining a feasible program. Requires DENR to provide technical assistance and tools to implement the provisions of this statute to the extent feasible with existing resources. Provides that DENR may recommend to the General Assembly statutorily required implementation of programs by operators after evaluating solid waste reduction, reuse, and recycling rates if local government reports show less than 75% of the top 10% of large venues and events have prepared or implemented a program. Allows a unit of local government to charge and collect a fee from an operator in order to recover estimated costs incurred in complying with this section.

Effective October 1, 2009.

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