

April 9, 2009

H 1333. REVISE NC RIVER BASINS. Filed 4/8/09. *TO PROVIDE THAT RIVERS DRAINING INTO THE COASTAL SOUNDS AND THENCE INTO THE ATLANTIC OCEAN BETWEEN LITTLE RIVER INLET AND THE MOUTH OF THE CAPE FEAR RIVER BE CONSIDERED A PART OF THE CAPE FEAR RIVER BASIN FOR PURPOSES OF REGULATION UNDER PART 2A OF ARTICLE 21 OF CHAPTER 143 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES.*

Amends GS 143-213 to define *river basin* as an area within North Carolina that is denoted by the specified eight-digit cataloging unit or series of eight-digit cataloging units organized by the US Geologic Survey. Amends GS 143-215.22G to provide that river basin has the same meaning as in amended GS 143-213, except directs that the area of the state within the eight-digit cataloging unit 03040208 is to be considered a part of the Cape Fear River Basin for purposes of determining the applicability of registration and certification requirements under this Part 2A of GS Chapter 143. Makes conforming changes to GS 77-90, GS 77-110, GS 143-214.14, and GS 143-215.8B. Provides that interbasin transfer certificates issued by the Environmental Management Commission under GS 143-215.22I, GS 143-215.22L, or GS 153A-285 before July 1, 2009, remain in effect. Allows a person who has a certificate issued before July 1, 2009, to request a modification consistent with the act and provides that the request is subject to notice and hearing requirements. Provides that the act is not to be interpreted to change the water quality classification of waters and provides that any classification that was applied to all waters within a river basin as it was defined before July 1, 2009. Applies only to waters located within the river basin before that date. Requires rulemaking to reclassify waters. Effective July 1, 2009.

Intro. by Stiller.

GS 77, 143

April 29, 2009

H 1333. REVISE NC RIVER BASINS. Filed 4/8/09. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Changes the title to *AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE AREA OF THE STATE THAT IS DENOTED BY THE EIGHT-DIGIT CATALOGING UNIT 03040208 ORGANIZED BY THE UNITED STATES GEOLOGIC SURVEY BE CONSIDERED PART OF THE CAPE FEAR RIVER BASIN FOR PURPOSES OF REGULATION UNDER PART 2A OF ARTICLE 21 OF CHAPTER 143 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES AND TO DELINEATE THE BOUNDARIES OF THE RIVER BASINS OF NORTH CAROLINA FOR THE PURPOSE OF ALIGNING THE RIVER BASIN PLANNING PROGRAMS OF THE DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES AND THE DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE 2008 REPORT OF THE WATER ALLOCATION STUDY TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW COMMISSION.*