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H 1441. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS REDUCTION ACT. Filed 4/9/09. *(1) TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO DEVELOP, MAINTAIN, AND PUBLISH A GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS INVENTORY; (2) TO REQUIRE THE STATE TO REDUCE GREENHOUSE EMISSIONS ACCORDING TO A CERTAIN SCHEDULE; (3) TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO DEVELOP A TWO-STEP IMPLEMENTATION PLAN TO REDUCE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS STATEWIDE; AND (4) TO REQUIRE MONITORING AND REPORTING TO ENSURE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS REDUCTION PLAN ACCORDING TO THE PRESCRIBED SCHEDULE.*

Adds new Article 21C of GS Chapter 143 as the title indicates. The greenhouse gas emissions reduction schedule calls for a 10% reduction from 1990 levels by 2020 and an 80% reduction by 2050. DENR must publish the inventory of greenhouse gas emissions for 1990 and a projected "business as usual" inventory for 2020 by July 1, 2011. Requires the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) to submit a proposed greenhouse gas emissions reduction implementation plan to the General Assembly and the Governor by January 1, 2012, and adopt a final plan by January 1, 2013. Requires specified state agencies to identify by July 1, 2010, existing programs and activities that could contribute to meeting the greenhouse gas emissions reduction schedule. Requires DENR to submit a progress report by October 1, 2015, to the General Assembly on meeting the 2020 emissions reduction goal and to submit reports on meeting the 2050 emissions reduction goal, at five year intervals, beginning October 1, 2020. Effective October 1, 2009.

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