

North Carolina Climate Change- Related Legislation: 2009 Session



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Climate Change-Related Legislation

- **S.L. 2009-306**
 - Extends the Legislative Commission on Global Climate Change by one year from October 1, 2009 to October 1, 2010
- **S.L. 2009-241**
 - Directs the Department of Administration to state a preference for purchasing passenger motor vehicles in the top 15% for fuel economy
 - Contracts awarded based on an evaluation of the best value for the State, taking into account fuel economy ratings and life-cycle costs

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- **S.L. 2009-95**
 - Provides local incentives for energy efficient development
- **S.L. 2009-522**
 - Authorizes local governments to establish loan programs to finance energy efficiency improvements and the installation of distributed renewable energy sources that are permanently affixed to real property



From: Houses Going Green:

http://www.schoolswebsites.com/ExiteCamp/excite2008/fwgirlsweb/fwgirlsweb/GoingG/Woodmansee_A/construction.htm

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- **S.L. 2009-390**
 - Shortens the time for the Utilities Commission to decide on a petition for a certificate of public convenience and necessity for the construction of a natural gas-fueled generating unit that will replace all coal-fired units at a site and comply with reduced SO₂ emissions requirements
 - Authorizes the Utilities Commission to allow an electric public utility to recover operating costs and investment in a "carbon offset facility"

Climate Change-Related Legislation

- **S.L. 2009-375**

- Increases cap from \$100 to \$500 million for State-financed energy savings contracts
- Requires life-cycle cost analysis of each conservation measure in a final proposal

- **S.L. 2009-548**

- Expands State tax incentives for energy conservation

Legislation Pending the 2010 Session

- **Senate Bill 1068 / House Bill 809**
 - State permitting program for wind energy facilities
- **House Bill 504**
 - Tax credit for energy efficient homes



Questions?

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