

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**SENATE BILL 606**

Short Title: DWQ Study Reclaimed Water Issues. (Public)

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Sponsors: Senators Stein, Stevens, Hunt; and Blue.

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Referred to: Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources.

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April 19, 2011

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY IN THE DEPARTMENT OF  
2 ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO STUDY ISSUES REGARDING  
3 THE USE OF RECLAIMED WATER AND THE CURRENT PERMITTING  
4 REQUIREMENTS WITH REGARD TO THE DISCHARGE OF WASTEWATER AND  
5 RECLAIMED WATER.  
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7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 **SECTION 1.** The Division of Water Quality in the Department of Environment  
9 and Natural Resources shall study issues regarding the use of reclaimed water, the current  
10 permitting requirements for the discharge of wastewater and reclaimed water, and possible  
11 revisions to the permitting system that may help to accommodate and encourage the beneficial  
12 use of reclaimed water while protecting against any potential threat to the environment or  
13 public health resulting from the use, overflow, or discharge of reclaimed water. The Division  
14 may also consider other issues it considers relevant to this study. The Division of Water  
15 Quality shall conduct the study in conjunction with those persons and entities that the Division  
16 of Water Quality, in its discretion, deems to be stakeholders on these issues and shall provide  
17 the stakeholders an opportunity to express their concerns, comments, and suggestions regarding  
18 the issues and possible resolutions for those issues.

19 **SECTION 2.** The Division of Water Quality shall report its findings and  
20 recommendations, including any legislative recommendations, to the Environmental Review  
21 Commission by December 31, 2011.

22 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

