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SENATE BILL DRS15264-RI-8

Short Title: Limit Local Gov't Environmental Rqmt's. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Jarvis, Moffitt, and McInnis (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO LIMIT LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY TO REGULATE
3 ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** Part 1 of Article 7 of Chapter 143B of the General Statutes is amended
6 by adding a new section to read:

7 "**§ 143B-279.30. Limitation on regulation of environmental matters by units of local**
8 **government.**

9 (a) No unit of local government, as that term is defined by G.S. 159-44, may enact, adopt,
10 implement, or enforce any ordinance, rule, regulation, or policy for the protection of the
11 environment or natural resources that imposes a more restrictive standard or limitation than those
12 imposed by State or federal law, unless otherwise specifically directed by the General Assembly.

13 (b) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit a unit of local government from
14 adopting, implementing, and enforcing requirements necessary to comply with federal or State
15 law or a condition of a permit, certificate, or other approval issued by a federal or State agency,
16 provided such requirement does not exceed the scope of the authority expressly granted.

17 (c) The limitation established by this section shall not be construed to apply to any
18 ordinance, rule, regulation, or policy adopted by a unit of local where the regulations are adopted
19 as a condition of participation in the National Flood Insurance Program."

20 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law. Each unit of local
21 government shall review and amend its ordinances, rules, regulations, and policies to ensure
22 compliance with G.S. 143B-279.30, as enacted by Section 1 of this act, by December 1, 2025,
23 after which date any non-compliant provisions remaining shall be null and void.



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