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SENATE BILL 193

Short Title: Fund Evaluation of Septic Tank Problems.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Albertson; Dannelly, Hoyle, Jordan, Odom, Perdue, Rand, and Warren.

Referred to: Appropriations.

February 19, 1997

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

**AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT,
HEALTH, AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO EVALUATE SEPTIC TANKS IN
THE NEUSE RIVER BASIN.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. There is appropriated to the Department of Environment, Health, and Natural Resources, the sum of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) for the 1997-98 fiscal year to be used to evaluate septic tanks in the Neuse River Basin including: (i) the number of septic tanks; (ii) the condition of the tanks; (iii) potential groundwater contamination from malfunctioning septic tank systems; (iv) impact of hurricane damage and flooding on septic tank systems; (v) the cost to repair or replace septic tanks; and (vi) viable alternatives to septic tanks.

Section 2. The Department shall report its findings on septic tanks to the Environmental Review Commission on or before December 1, 1997. The Environmental Review Commission shall report on its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly on the first day of the 1997 (1998 Regular Session) Legislative Session.

Section 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 1997.