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SENATE BILL 287

Short Title: Monitor Coastal Water Quality.

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Sponsors: Senator Perdue.

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Referred to: Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources.

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March 3, 1997

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR REGULAR MONITORING OF THE WATER QUALITY  
OF COASTAL WATERS TO PROTECT SWIMMERS AND OTHERS USING  
THOSE WATERS FOR RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Article 8 of Chapter 130A of the General Statutes is amended by  
adding a new Part to read:

**"PART 3A. MONITOR WATER QUALITY OF COASTAL FISHING WATERS.**

**"§ 130A-233. Definitions.**

The following definitions apply to this Part:

(1) Coastal fishing waters, as defined in G.S. 113-129(4).

(2) Inland fishing waters, as defined in G.S. 113-129(9).

**"§ 130A-233.1. Monitoring program for State coastal fishing waters; development  
and implementation of program.**

For the protection of the public health of swimmers and others who use the State's  
coastal fishing waters for recreational activities, the Department shall develop and  
implement a program to monitor the State's coastal fishing waters for contaminants. The  
monitoring program shall cover all coastal fishing waters up to the point where those  
waters are classified as inland fishing waters."

1           Section 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of  
2 Environment, Health, and Natural Resources the sum of three hundred ninety-seven  
3 thousand sixty-six dollars (\$397,066) for the 1997-98 fiscal year and the sum of three  
4 hundred thirty-seven thousand five hundred sixty-six dollars (\$337,566) for the 1998-99  
5 fiscal year for the Shellfish Sanitation Branch to develop and implement the monitoring  
6 program required by this act.

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