

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NUMBER: SB 304

SHORT TITLE: Data on Aboveground Tanks

SPONSOR(S): Senators Odom, Plexico, Dannelly and Winner

FISCAL IMPACT: Expenditures: Increase (X) Decrease ()
Revenues: Increase () Decrease ()
No Impact ()
No Estimate Available ()

FUNDS AFFECTED: General Fund (X) Highway Fund () Local Fund ()
Other Fund ()

BILL SUMMARY: DATA ON ABOVEGROUND TANKS. TO PROVIDE FOR THE COLLECTION OF INFORMATION REGARDING THE POPULATION OF ABOVEGROUND STORAGE TANKS FOR OIL AND HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES, TO IDENTIFY THOSE RELEASES AND SPILLS OF OIL OR HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES THAT ARE REPORTED THAT INVOLVE ABOVEGROUND STORAGE TANKS, TO DESIGNATE A CENTRAL CLEARINGHOUSE FOR THE COLLECTION OF DATA REGARDING ABOVEGROUND STORAGE TANKS, TO PROVIDE FOR THE SUBSEQUENT STUDY OF ISSUES CONCERNING ABOVEGROUND STORAGE TANKS IN LIGHT OF THIS DATA, AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THESE PURPOSES. Amends G.S 143-215.85 to require persons having control over oil or other substances discharged in any circumstances other than pursuant to State or federal rules to report whether discharge involves an aboveground storage tank, and, if so, specifies what report is to include. Requires Dep't of Environment, Health, & Natural Resources to computerize all reports of discharges and to provide information to Division of Emergency Management, Dep't of Crime Control and Public Safety. Requires Division to further investigate reports of spills or releases pursuant to federal Superfund Act, and provides that Division is to be central clearinghouse for information concerning aboveground storage tanks. Requires Dep't of Environment, Health, & Natural Resources and Dep't of Crime Control and Public Safety jointly to study issues relating to regulation of aboveground storage tanks and to make preliminary report to Environmental Review Comm'n by April 1, 1997 and final report by Oct. 1, 1997. Appropriates \$50,000 from General Fund to Dep't of Crime Control and Public Safety for 1995-96 to implement act.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 1995

PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S)/PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED: Department of Environment, Health, and Natural Resources, Division of Environmental Management, Groundwater Section; Department of Crime Control and Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management

FISCAL IMPACT
Department of Crime Control and Public Safety

	<u>FY95-96</u>	<u>FY96-97</u>	<u>FY97-98</u>	<u>FY98-99</u>	<u>FY99-00</u>
TOTAL EXPEND.	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
RECURRING	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
NON-RECURRING	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

POSITIONS: None

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY: Department of Crime Control and Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management

The proposed legislation designates the Division of Emergency Management as the central clearinghouse for information concerning above ground storage tanks and requires that they establish a computerized data bank storing this information received from the Department of Environment, Health, and Natural Resources. According to the Assistant Director of the Division of Emergency Management, the \$50,000 appropriation for fiscal year 1995-96 would be used to hire temporary data processing personnel to load information into the computer, to increase computer capability and storage space, and for additional programming technical assistance if needed.

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY: Department of Environment, Health, and Natural Resources

Following the recommendations of a subcommittee of the Environmental Review Commission, the Groundwater Section of the Division of Environmental Management has already implemented changes in the way data is collected when receiving reports of spills or releases of substances with a potential pollution impact to meet the requirements of this bill. This act will have no fiscal impact on the Groundwater Section as the requirements of this act are currently being performed with existing staff and will continue to be upon passage.

SOURCES OF DATA: Department of Environment, Health, and Natural Resources, Division of Environmental Management, Groundwater Section; Department of Crime Control and Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS: None

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