

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**SESSION 2007**

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**SENATE DRS85231-LG-373 (3/12)**

Short Title: Study Deconstruction of Inactive Dams/Funds. (Public)

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Sponsors: Senator Cowell.

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Referred to:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO STUDY DECONSTRUCTION OF INACTIVE DAMS LOCATED IN  
NORTH CAROLINA.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.(a)** The Department of Environment and Natural Resources shall conduct a study to examine the feasibility of deconstructing inactive dams located in North Carolina and shall prepare and submit a report based on the results of the study to the Environmental Review Commission no later than January 15, 2009. This study and the report shall include a discussion of:

- (1) Mapping of inactive dams in the State.
- (2) History of each dam and the reason for its inactive status.
- (3) Length of time each dam has been inactive.
- (4) The cost estimates for deconstruction of each inactive dam.
- (5) The barriers to deconstruction of each inactive dam.
- (6) The assessment of deconstruction benefits of each inactive dam.

**SECTION 1.(b)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year to conduct the study required by subsection (a) of this section.

**SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.