



Josh Stein, Governor

*State of North Carolina*

GOVERNOR JOSH STEIN OBJECTIONS AND VETO MESSAGE:

***House Bill 402: AN ACT TO PUT LIMITATIONS ON RULES WITH SUBSTANTIAL FINANCIAL COSTS.***

This bill would make it harder for the state to keep people's drinking water clean from PFAS and other dangerous chemicals, their air free from toxic pollutants, and their health care facilities providing high quality care. It would impose red tape, including an unworkable unanimity requirement, that would hamstring the decision-making of agencies, boards, and commissions, making them less effective at protecting people's health, safety, and welfare.

Therefore, I veto the bill.

  
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Governor

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The bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina House on this the 27 day of June 2025, at 6:16 pm for reconsideration by that body.

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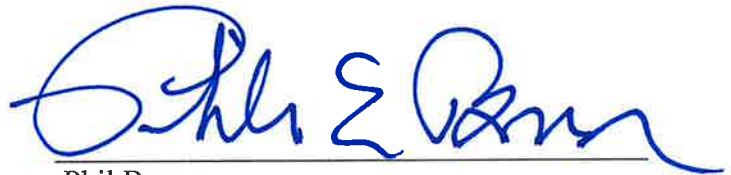
(b) If an agency determines that a proposed permanent rule or set of rules will have a projected aggregate financial cost to all persons affected equal to or greater than ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) during any five-year period and the agency is a board, a commission, a council, or other similar unit of government, the permanent rule or set of rules must be adopted by a unanimous vote of the board or commission members present and voting on the rule or set of rules.

(c) This section shall apply to all rules adopted pursuant to Article 2A of Chapter 150B of the General Statutes, including rules undergoing periodic review and readoption under G.S. 150B-21.3A; provided, however, this section shall not apply to rules required by federal law, including a rule or set of rules necessary to maintain compliance with a program delegated to the State from a federal agency.

(d) For purposes of this section, "aggregate financial cost" means the amount of costs to all persons affected identified in a substantial economic impact analysis conducted according to G.S. 150B-21.4(b1), not inclusive of benefits."

**SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to rules adopted on or after that date.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2025.



Phil Berger  
President Pro Tempore of the Senate



Destin Hall  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

**VETO**



Josh Stein  
Governor

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ m. this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025

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