

HOUSE BILL 765: Regulatory Reform Act of 2015, Sec. 4.25: Ambient Air Monitoring

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SUMMARY: Sec. 4.25 of S.L. 2015-286 directs the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) to review its ambient air monitoring network and request from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) the authority to remove any monitor not required by federal law that DENR has determined is not necessary to protect public health, safety, and welfare; the environment; and natural resources. This section also directs DENR, no later than September 1, 2016, to discontinue all ambient air monitors not required by federal law and for which EPA approval for discontinuance is not required if DENR has determined that the monitors are not necessary to protect public health, safety, and welfare; the environment; and natural resources. This section would not preclude DENR from installing temporary ambient air monitors as part of an investigation of a suspected air quality violation or in response to an emergency causing an imminent danger to human health and safety. DENR must report to the Environmental Review Commission on the status of the air monitoring network and its implementation of this section by November 1, 2016.

This section became effective October 22, 2015.

