



# SENATE BILL 720: GSC Conforming Amendments/2019 Land-Use Changes.

2019-2020 General Assembly

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**OVERVIEW:** *S.L. 2020-25 incorporates amendments by the 2019 session laws to former Article 19 of Chapter 153A and former Article 18 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes into Chapter 160D of the General Statutes. This act became effective on June 19, 2020.*

**BILL ANALYSIS:** This act fulfills a directive by the General Assembly to the General Statutes Commission to incorporate amendments by the 2019 session laws to former Article 19 of Chapter 160A and former Article 18 of Chapter 153A of the General Statutes into Chapter 160D of the General Statutes. Part II of S.L. 2019-111 repealed Articles 19 and 18 and replaced them with Chapter 160D. Part I of S.L. 2019-111 itself enacted new statutes and amendments to Articles 19 and 18 that were not included in Chapter 160D, as did three other 2019 acts: S.L. 2019-35, 2019-79, and 2019-174. In addition to incorporating these amendments, this act:

- Brings forward other provisions from Article 19 and Article 18 that were inadvertently not already added to Chapter 160D.
- Updates or corrects cross-references, updates terms to match the new definitions and usage in Chapter 160D, and makes stylistic updates to conform to the requirements of the General Assembly's drafting manual.
- Makes stylistic and other conforming and clarifying amendments that do not change the underlying policy.
- Reorganizes and restates G.S. 160D-1116, also removing an optional bond requirement that had not yet become effective.
- Accelerates the effective date of Chapter 160D and its accompanying changes from January 1, 2021, to the date this act became law on June 19, 2020, while also extending to July 1, 2021, the deadline for local governments to come into compliance with Chapter 160D. The accelerated date accommodates those local governments that are already prepared to begin operating under Chapter 160D but allows others additional time due to the extra demands caused by COVID-19.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This act was effective when it became law on June 19, 2020.

*\*Bly Hall, the former Assistant Revisor of Statutes, substantially contributed to the General Statutes Commission's explanatory memorandum on this act, which this summary draws upon.*

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