



2025-2026 General Assembly

HOUSE BILL 926: Regulatory Reform Act of 2025, Sec. 24: Permitting by Regulation for Disposal Systems That Do Not Discharge to Surface Waters

Analysis of: S.L. 2025-94, Sec. 24

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Section 24 of S.L. 2025-94 (House Bill 926) requires the Environmental Management Commission to amend a rule, 15A NCAC 02T .0113 (Permitting by Regulation), to provide that discharges to the land surface of less than 5,000 gallons per day of water from fractional vapor compression distillation of potable water, are deemed to be permitted without need for the Department of Environmental Quality to issue individual permits or coverage under a general permit for construction or operation of these disposal systems provided the system does not result in direct discharge to surface waters, any violations of surface water or groundwater standards, or ponding or runoff of discharge water. These rules are exempt from certain requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act, including those requiring ratification by the General Assembly, or supermajority approval by a board or commission, that are applicable when a rule's aggregate financial cost exceeds certain thresholds.

This section became effective October 6, 2025.

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