

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2015**

**SESSION LAW 2015-246  
HOUSE BILL 44**

AN ACT TO REFORM VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE LAW RELATED TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**PROHIBIT CITIES AND COUNTIES FROM REQUIRING COMPLIANCE WITH VOLUNTARY REGULATIONS AND RULES ADOPTED BY STATE DEPARTMENTS OR AGENCIES**

**SECTION 2.**(a) Article 6 of Chapter 153A of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read as follows:

**"§ 153A-145.6. Requiring compliance with voluntary State regulations and rules prohibited.**

(a) If a State department or agency declares a regulation or rule to be voluntary or the General Assembly delays the effective date of a regulation or rule proposed or adopted by the Environmental Management Commission, or any other board or commission, a county shall not require or enforce compliance with the applicable regulation or rule, including any regulation or rule previously or hereafter incorporated as a condition or contractual obligation imposed by, agreed upon, or accepted by the county in any zoning, land use, subdivision, or other developmental approval, including, without limitation, a development permit issuance, development agreement, site-specific development plan, or phased development plan.

(b) This section shall apply to the following regulations and rules:

- (1) Those currently in effect.
- (2) Those repealed or otherwise expired.
- (3) Those temporarily or permanently held in abeyance.
- (4) Those adopted but not yet effective.

(c) This section shall not apply to any water usage restrictions during either extreme or exceptional drought conditions as determined by the Drought Management Advisory Council pursuant to G.S. 143-355.1."