



CHAPTER 113
ARTICLE 1 - POWERS AND DUTIES OF DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY GENERALLY

N.C.G.S. § 113-8.

Powers and duties of the Department.

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The Department shall make investigations of the natural resources of the State, and take such measures as it may deem best suited to promote the conservation and development of such resources.

It shall have the protection of lands and water supplies; it shall also have the care of recreational areas now owned or to be acquired by the State, including the lakes referred to in G.S. 146-7.

It shall make such examination, survey and mapping of the geology, mineralogy and topography of the State, including their industrial and economic utilization, as it may consider necessary; make investigations of water supplies and water powers, prepare and maintain a general inventory of the water resources of the State, and take such measures as it may consider necessary to promote their development.

It shall have the duty of enforcing all laws relating to the conservation of marine and estuarine resources.

The Department may take such other measures as it may deem advisable to obtain and make public a more complete knowledge of the State and its resources, and it is authorized to cooperate with other departments and agencies of the State in obtaining and making public such information.

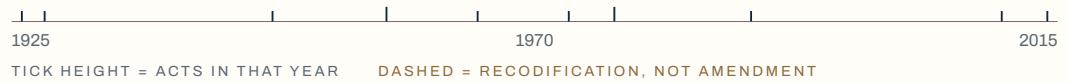
The Department may acquire such real and personal property as may be found desirable and necessary for the performance of the duties and functions of the Department and pay for same out of any funds appropriated for the Department or available unappropriated revenues of the Department, when such acquisition is approved by the Governor and Council of State. The title to any real estate acquired shall be in the name of the State of North Carolina for the use and benefit of the Department.

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APPARATUS I
12 ACTS

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Nº	YEAR	ACT	CHARACTER
01	1925	c. 122, s. 9	ENACTED
02	1927	c. 57	AMENDED
03	1947	c. 118	AMENDED
04	1957	c. 753, s. 4	AMENDED
05	1957	c. 1424, s. 2	AMENDED
06	1965	c. 957, s. 11	AMENDED
07	1973	c. 1262, ss. 28, 86	AMENDED
08	1977	c. 198, ss. 16, 17	AMENDED
09	1977	c. 771, s. 4	AMENDED
10	1989	c. 727, s. 33	AMENDED
11	2011	S.L. 2011-145, s. 13.25(j)	AMENDED
12	2015	S.L. 2015-241, s. 14.30(nn)	AMENDED

APPARATUS II

1 AUTHORITY

Authorities referenced

Every G.S. cross-reference appearing in the text of this section, in order of first appearance. Nothing is characterized; the operative language is quoted from the section itself.

REFERENCE	APPEARS IN	OPERATIVE LANGUAGE IN THIS SECTION
G.S. 146-7		"including the lakes referred to in"

APPARATUS III

Citation

FULL SECTION

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 113-8 (2015).

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