GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

SESSION 1999

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HOUSE BILL 751

Short Title: Moratorium on New Technology–Y2K. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Gardner; Barefoot, Cansler, Clary, Culp, Esposito, Hensley, Howard, Morris, Preston, Smith, Tolson, C. Wilson, and G. Wilson.

Referred to: Rules, Calendar and Operations of the House.

March 31, 1999

1   A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2   AN ACT TO IMPOSE A MORATORIUM ON NEW TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVES
3   UNTIL AFTER JANUARY 1, 2000, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE STATE
4   AUDITOR.
    Whereas, the State Auditor submitted a performance audit of the Department of
    Commerce, Information Technology Services, Year 2000 Project Office, on March 18,
    1999; and
    Whereas, the State Auditor has noted that:
    "Since there are no guarantees that some systems will not fail, contingency planning in
    the face of potential failures should take precedence over other activities. At the same
    time agency efforts should not be diluted by the development of new or drastically
    modified automated systems within State government."; and
    Whereas, the State Auditor recommended that the General Assembly should place a
    moratorium on all major new technology initiatives until after January 1, 2000, ensuring
    that precious resources are directed to meeting the highest needs; Now, therefore,
5   The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
6   Section 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, there is imposed a
7   moratorium on all agencies of the State on all major new technologies, the development
8   of new automated systems, and the drastic modification of automated systems in State

1 government.   This moratorium shall not apply to systems and technologies directly
2 related to the Year 2000 Conversion Effort. The moratorium shall expire on January 3,
3 2000.
4   Section 2. The Information Resources Management Commission shall take all
5 necessary actions to enforce the moratorium imposed by Section 1 of this act.
6   Section 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.