

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 1999

SENATE BILL 247
RATIFIED BILL

AN ACT TO WITHDRAW NORTH CAROLINA FROM THE SOUTHEAST INTERSTATE LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT COMPACT, TO LIMIT THE AUTHORITY OF THE LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY AND TO DIRECT THE RADIATION PROTECTION COMMISSION TO STUDY AND FORMULATE A PLAN FOR LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. In accordance with the provisions of G.S. 104F-1, Article VII, Section (g) of the General Statutes, North Carolina hereby withdraws from membership as a party state in the Southeast Interstate Low-Level Radioactive Waste Management Compact.

Section 2. Chapter 104F of the General Statutes is repealed.

Section 3. Notwithstanding any provision of Chapter 104G of the General Statutes to the contrary, the sole function of the North Carolina Low-Level Radioactive Waste Management Authority shall be to take all necessary actions to complete the process of closure and restoration of the proposed Wake County low-level radioactive waste site, and to finalize all other responsibilities and business of the Authority relating to closure and restoration on or before June 30, 2000.

Section 4. Chapter 104G of the General Statutes is repealed effective July 1, 2000.

Section 5. The North Carolina Radiation Protection Commission is directed to review and study the current and projected availability and adequacy of facilities for the management of low-level radioactive waste produced by North Carolina generators, and to formulate a recommended plan for complying with North Carolina's responsibilities under the Low-Level Radioactive Waste Policy Act of 1980, Pub. L. No. 96-573, 94 Stat. 3347, and the Low-Level Radioactive Waste Policy Amendments Act of 1985, Pub. L. 99-240, 99 Stat. 1842, 42 U.S.C. 202 lb, et seq. The Commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly on or before May 15, 2000. No license application for a low-level radioactive waste facility shall be issued or considered by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources prior to action by the General Assembly establishing a plan for future management of low-level radioactive waste.

Section 6. Sections 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6 of this act are effective when they become law. Section 4 of this act becomes effective July 1, 2000.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 20th day of July, 1999.

Dennis A. Wicker
President of the Senate

James B. Black
Speaker of the House of Representatives

James B. Hunt, Jr.
Governor

Approved _____ .m. this _____ day of _____ , 19