

What is a Public Comment?

“Public Comments” submitted to the NCMFTLB during their 60 day open comment period as part of the Periodic Review of Existing Rules are defined by GS 150B-21.3(a)(5) as written objection to all or part of a rule. Additionally, pursuant to GS 150B-21.3A(c)(2), in order for the Rules Review Commission to determine whether the public comment has merit, the public comment must address the specific substance of the rule and address any of the Standards of Commission Review as set forth in GS 150B-21.9(a)

GS 150B-21.3(a)(5)

§ 150B-21.3A. Periodic review and expiration of existing rules.

- (a) Definitions. – For purposes of this section, the following definitions apply:
 - (1) Commission. – Means the Rules Review Commission.
 - (2) Committee. – Means the Joint Legislative Administrative Procedure Oversight Committee.
 - (2a) Necessary rule. – Means any rule other than an unnecessary rule.
 - (3), (4) Repealed by Session Laws 2019-140, s. 3(a), effective July 19, 2019, and applicable to agency rule reports submitted to the Office of Administrative Hearings pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A(c)(1) on or after October 1, 2019.
 - (5) Public comment. – Means written comments objecting to the rule, in whole or in part, or objecting to an agency's determination of the rule as necessary or unnecessary, received by an agency from any member of the public, including an association or other organization representing the regulated community or other members of the public.
 - (6) Unnecessary rule. – Means a rule that the agency determines to be obsolete, redundant, or otherwise not needed.