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HOUSE BILL 1334\*

Short Title: Ag, Forestry, Seafood Changes.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives James; Albertson, Brown, Lutz, McLawhorn, Rogers, Thompson.

Referred to: Agriculture.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AMEND THE TITLE AND SCOPE OF THE AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, AND SEAFOOD AWARENESS STUDY COMMISSION BY DELETING SEAFOOD FROM THE COMMISSION'S TITLE AND AREA OF STUDY.

Whereas, the North Carolina General Assembly established a permanent Agriculture, Forestry, and Seafood Awareness Commission in 1985; and

Whereas, in the 1989 Session, the General Assembly made permanent the Joint Legislative Commission on Seafood and Aquaculture; and

Whereas, the activities of the two Commissions are duplicative as regards aquaculture and the seafood industry; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 120-150 reads as rewritten:

**"§ 120-150. Creation; appointment of members.**

There is created an ~~Agriculture, Forestry, and Seafood~~Agriculture and Forestry Awareness Study Commission. Members of the Commission shall be citizens of North Carolina who are interested in the vitality of the ~~agriculture, forestry, and seafood~~ agriculture and forestry sectors of the State's economy. Members shall be as follows:

- (1) Three appointed by the Governor;
- (2) Three appointed by the President of the Senate;
- (3) Three appointed by the Speaker of the House;
- (4) The chairman of the House Agriculture Committee;
- (5) The chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee;

- 1 (6) The Commissioner of Agriculture or his designee;  
2 (7) A member of the Board of Agriculture designated by the chairman of  
3 the Board of Agriculture;  
4 (8) The President of the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation, Inc., or  
5 his designee;  
6 (9) The Master of the North Carolina State Grange or his designee; and  
7 (10) The Secretary of the Department of Environment, Health, and Natural  
8 ~~Resources.~~ Resources or his designee.

9 Members shall be appointed for two-year terms beginning October 1 of each odd-  
10 numbered year. The cochairmen of the Commission shall be the chairmen of the Senate  
11 and House Agriculture Committees respectively."

12 Sec. 2. G.S. 120-151 reads as rewritten:

13 **"§120-151. Advisory Committee.**

14 Upon proper motion and by a vote a majority of the members present, the  
15 Commission may appoint an Advisory Committee. Members of the Advisory  
16 Committee should be from the various organizations, commodity groups, associations,  
17 and councils representing ~~agriculture, forestry, and seafood.~~ agriculture and forestry.  
18 The purpose of the Advisory Committee shall be to render technical advice and  
19 assistance to the Commission. The Advisory Committee shall consist of no more than  
20 20 members plus a chairman who shall be appointed by the cochairmen of the  
21 Commission."

22 Sec. 3. G.S. 120-154 reads as rewritten:

23 **"§120-154. Duties.**

24 The Commission shall bring to the attention of the General Assembly the influence  
25 of ~~agriculture, forestry, and seafood~~ agriculture and forestry on the economy of the  
26 State, develop alternatives for increasing the public awareness of ~~agriculture, forestry,~~  
27 ~~and seafood,~~ agriculture and forestry, study the present status of ~~agriculture, forestry,~~  
28 ~~and seafood,~~ agriculture and forestry, identify problems limiting future growth and  
29 development of the industry, develop an awareness of the importance of science and  
30 technological development to the future of ~~agriculture, forestry, and seafood~~ agriculture  
31 and forestry industries, and formulate plans for new State initiatives and support for  
32 ~~agriculture, forestry, and seafood~~ agriculture and forestry and for the expansion of  
33 opportunities in these sectors.

34 In conducting its study the Commission may hold public hearings and meetings  
35 across the State.

36 The Commission shall report to the General Assembly at least one month prior to the  
37 first regular session of each General Assembly."

38 Sec. 4. This act becomes effective January 1, 1993.