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HOUSE BILL 421\*

Short Title: Recycling & Composting Poultry.

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Sponsors: Representatives James; Bowman, J. Brown, Culp, DeVane, Gardner, Hackney, Hall, H. Hunter, Lutz, R. Thompson, and Weatherly.

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

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO CREATE A STUDY COMMITTEE TO STUDY RECYCLING AND  
2 COMPOSTING OF NONDISEASE-RELATED POULTRY MORTALITIES INTO  
3 MARKETABLE PRODUCTS.  
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5 Whereas, the North Carolina poultry industry is of great economic  
6 importance to the State; and

7 Whereas, poultry products combined make up the State's number one cash  
8 crop; and

9 Whereas, the poultry industry is the State's largest food industry; and

10 Whereas, the poultry industry provides thousands of jobs to the State's  
11 citizens; and

12 Whereas, the poultry industry helps stabilize the family farm for many rural  
13 citizens; and

14 Whereas, the poultry industry is one of North Carolina's most efficient  
15 industries in recycling both on the farm and in the processing plant; and

16 Whereas, it is important to the State's economy to assist the industry in its  
17 efforts to recycle and environmentally dispose of poultry mortalities; and

18 Whereas, to further enhance the benefits of the poultry industry to the citizens  
19 of North Carolina, a study committee is necessary to study recycling and composting of  
20 nondisease-related poultry mortalities into marketable products; Now, therefore,  
21 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

22 Section 1. The Study Commission on Recycling and Composting Poultry  
23 Mortalities is created. The Commission shall consist of 11 members as follows:

- 1 (1) Three Senators appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;
- 2 (2) Three Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of
- 3 Representatives;
- 4 (3) The Commissioner of Agriculture or his designee;
- 5 (4) The Director of the North Carolina Agricultural Research Service at
- 6 North Carolina State University or his designee;
- 7 (5) The head of the Poultry Science Department at North Carolina State
- 8 University or his designee;
- 9 (6) The Chair of the House of Representatives Committee on Agriculture;
- 10 and
- 11 (7) The Chair of the Senate Committee on Agriculture.

12 Sec. 2. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall designate the Chair of  
13 the Senate Committee on Agriculture as cochair and the Speaker of the House of  
14 Representatives shall designate the Chair of the House of Representatives Committee on  
15 Agriculture as cochair.

16 Sec. 3. The Commission shall examine the feasibility of recycling and  
17 composting nondisease-related poultry mortalities into marketable products and study  
18 (i) the potential beneficial agricultural uses of nondisease-related poultry mortalities, (ii)  
19 the potential beneficial horticultural uses of nondisease-related poultry mortalities, and  
20 (iii) any other beneficial uses of nondisease-related poultry mortalities.

21 Sec. 4. The Commission shall submit a final report of its findings and  
22 recommendations to the General Assembly on or before the first day of the 1995  
23 Session of the General Assembly by filing the report with the President Pro Tempore of  
24 the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Upon filing its final report,  
25 the Commission shall terminate.

26 Sec. 5. The Commission, while in the discharge of official duties, may  
27 exercise all the powers provided for under the provisions of G.S. 120-19, and G.S. 120-  
28 19.1 through G.S. 120-19.4. The Commission may meet at any time upon the joint call  
29 of the cochairs. The Commission may meet in the Legislative Building or the  
30 Legislative Office Building.

31 Sec. 6. Members of the Commission shall serve without compensation, but  
32 they shall be paid per diem and travel expenses in accordance with G.S. 138-5.  
33 Members of the Commission who are legislators shall be reimbursed for subsistence and  
34 travel expenses at the rates set forth in G.S. 120-3.1.

35 Sec. 7. The Commission may contract for professional, clerical, or consultant  
36 services as provided by G.S. 120-32.02. The Legislative Services Commission, through  
37 the Legislative Administrative Officer, shall assign professional staff to assist in the  
38 work of the Commission. The House of Representatives' and the Senate's Supervisor of  
39 Clerks shall assign clerical staff to the Commission upon the direction of the Legislative  
40 Services Commission. The expenses relating to clerical employees shall be borne by  
41 the Commission.

42 Sec. 8. When a vacancy occurs in the membership of the Commission the  
43 vacancy shall be filled by the same appointing officer who made the initial appointment.

1           Sec. 9. All State departments and agencies and local governments and their  
2 subdivisions shall furnish the Commission with any information in their possession or  
3 available to them.

4           Sec. 10. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the General  
5 Assembly the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) for the 1993-94 fiscal year and  
6 the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) for the 1994-95 fiscal year for the  
7 expenses of the Commission.

8           Sec. 11. This act becomes effective July 1, 1993.