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**SENATE BILL 733  
Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources Committee Substitute Adopted  
4/17/03**

Short Title: Gen. Nondischarge Permits/Animal Operations.

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April 3, 2003

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR EXTENSIONS OF THE EXPIRATION DATES OF  
3 CERTAIN GENERAL NONDISCHARGE PERMITS FOR ANIMAL WASTE  
4 MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS THAT SERVE SWINE, CATTLE, AND POULTRY  
5 OPERATIONS AND TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT  
6 AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO STUDY THE USE OF GENERAL  
7 NONDISCHARGE PERMITS FOR ANIMAL WASTE MANAGEMENT  
8 SYSTEMS THAT SERVE SWINE, CATTLE, AND POULTRY OPERATIONS  
9 TO PROTECT WATER QUALITY.

10 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

11       **SECTION 1.** The Department of Environment and Natural Resources,  
12 pursuant to the powers relative to general permits and to permits for facilities not  
13 discharging to the surface waters of the State that are granted to the Environmental  
14 Management Commission under G.S. 143-215.1 and G.S. 143-215.10C and delegated  
15 by the Commission to the Department, shall extend the expiration of general permits  
16 AWG100000 (Swine), AWG200000 (Cattle), and AWG300000 (Poultry) and of  
17 certificates of coverage issued under these general permits until 1 October 2004.

18       **SECTION 2.** The Department of Environment and Natural Resources shall  
19 study the use of general nondischarge permits for animal waste management systems for  
20 swine, cattle, and poultry operations to protect water quality, including the impact of the  
21 use of general permits for swine, cattle, and poultry operations on the discharge of  
22 nitrogen and phosphorous to surface water and groundwater in the State. In conducting  
23 this study, the Department shall consult with the Department of Agriculture and  
24 Consumer Services; the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at North Carolina  
25 State University; representatives of swine, cattle, and poultry farmers; representatives of  
26 environmental protection and natural resources conservation groups; and other  
27 interested parties. In the course of the study required by this section, the Department of  
28 Environment and Natural Resources shall prepare draft revised general permits for

1 animal waste management systems that serve swine, cattle, and poultry operations and  
2 shall circulate these draft permits, along with drafts of the forms that farmers would be  
3 required to use in connection with these permits, among interested parties for comment.  
4 Consistent with water quality protection goals and strategies, the Department of  
5 Environment and Natural Resources may further revise the draft revised general permits  
6 and associated forms on the basis of comment from interested parties. The Department  
7 of Environment and Natural Resources shall report its findings and recommendations to  
8 the Environmental Review Commission on or before 1 March 2004.

9 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective 30 April 2003.