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**SENATE BILL 1598
Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources Committee Substitute Adopted
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Short Title: Clarify Animal Waste Tech Specialist Cert Rqs. (Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

May 18, 2006

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND
2 NATURAL RESOURCES TO EVALUATE THE TRAINING AND
3 QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR ANIMAL WASTE MANAGEMENT
4 SYSTEMS TECHNICAL SPECIALISTS AND TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF
5 TIME THAT ANIMAL WASTE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS TECHNICAL
6 SPECIALISTS MAY PROVIDE SERVICES RELATED TO THE
7 DEVELOPMENT, IMPLEMENTATION, OR OPERATION OF AN ANIMAL
8 WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN OR ANIMAL WASTE MANAGEMENT
9 SYSTEM.
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11 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

12 **SECTION 1.** Section 12.7C of S.L. 2004-124 reads as rewritten:

13 **"REQUIREMENTS FOR ANIMAL WASTE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS
14 TECHNICAL SPECIALISTS**

15 **SECTION 12.7C.** Before ~~July 1, 2006,~~ September 2007, the requirements
16 and qualifications for animal waste management systems technical specialists shall not
17 be changed and the scope of the work that animal waste management systems technical
18 specialists are authorized to perform shall not be decreased. As used in this section,
19 "animal waste management system" has the same meaning as in G.S. 143-215.10B."

20 **SECTION 2.** The Department of Environment and Natural Resources shall
21 evaluate the training and qualification requirements for approval as an animal waste
22 management systems technical specialist pursuant to G.S. 139-4(d)(11) to determine
23 whether the current approval process ensures an appropriate level of knowledge and
24 expertise to provide services related to the development, implementation, or operation
25 of an animal waste management plan or animal waste management system. In
26 conducting the study, the Department shall obtain input from representatives of
27 interested parties, including the North Carolina Soil and Water Conservation
28 Commission, the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Professional

1 Engineers of North Carolina, Inc., the Natural Resources Conservation Service of the
2 United States Department of Agriculture, the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation,
3 and other organizations. The Department shall report its findings and
4 recommendations, including any legislative proposals, to the Environmental Review
5 Commission on or before 15 November 2006.

6 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective 1 July 2006.