

April 15, 1999

H 1132. PRES. FARMLANDS/SMALL FARMS (=S 930). *TO PROMOTE THE PRESERVATION OF FARMLAND, TO PROMOTE SMALL, FAMILY-OWNED FARMS, AND TO CHANGE THE DEFINITION OF SUBDIVISION SUBJECT TO REGULATION UNDER CHAPTER 153A OF THE GENERAL STATUTES.* Identical to S 930, introduced 4/14/99.

Intro. by Insko.

Ref. to Agriculture

GS 106, 153A

April 28, 1999

H 1132. PRES. FARMLANDS/SMALL FARMS. Intro. 4/15/99. House amendment makes the following changes to 1st edition. Adds new section effective July 1, 1999 authorizing a county that has adopted a countywide farmland protection plan to adopt an ordinance imposing a fee of no more than \$10.00 for each subdivision plat required to be filed with the register of deeds for recordation. Fees must be used to meet the county match requirements for obtaining funding from the North Carolina Farmland Preservation Trust Fund.

July 8, 1999

H 1132. PRES. FARMLANDS/SMALL FARMS. Intro. 4/15/99. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 2nd edition: (1) changes title to AN ACT TO PROMOTE THE PRESERVATION OF FARMLAND AND TO PROMOTE SMALL, FAMILY-OWNED FARMS; (2) deletes amendments that would disqualify farmland with an animal waste management system having a design capacity of 600,000 pounds steady state live weight or more; (3) rewrites amendments to GS 106-744(c) to provide that money from the Trust Fund may be distributed to private nonprofit conservation organizations only if the organization matches 30% of the Trust Fund monies it receives with funds from other sources; (4) deletes provision directing the Comm'r of Agriculture to use Trust Fund monies to match any county funds to establish a county agricultural economic development director to promote farming in that county; (5) provides that a county that is an enterprise tier-four county or an enterprise tier-five county and that has prepared a countywide farmland protection plan must provide matching funds equal to 15% Trust Fund monies; (6) provides that counties without such a plan must provide matching funds equal to 30% of Trust Fund monies; (7) provides that tier-one, tier-two, and tier-three counties that have prepared a farmland protection plan may not be required to match Trust Fund monies; (8) deletes zoning of areas for agricultural use as a criterion for funding or matching of funds; (9) deletes transfer of development rights and zoning for long-term agricultural use areas from list of farmland preservation tools that must be addressed in plan; (10) deletes proposed amendment to GS 153A-335, which would have changed the exception from subdivision regulations from divisions of land into parcels greater than ten acres to divisions with parcels greater than fifty acres; (11) deletes GS 106-744(c3), which would have provided that farmers from small, family-owned farms in voluntary agricultural districts must have priority in receiving technical assistance from an agricultural economic development director; and (12) adds new GS 106-744(f) to provide that a county farmland protection plan may be formulated with the assistance of an agricultural advisory board.

July 13, 1999

H 1132. PRESERVE FARMLANDS/SMALL FARMS. Intro. 4/15/99. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 3rd edition. Changes effective date to July 1, 2000 (was, July 1, 1999).

June 27, 2000

H 1132. PRES./FARMLANDS/SMALL FARMS. Intro. 4/15/99. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 4th edition. Deletes authority for counties to assess fee against subdivision plats to pay for matching requirements for Farmland Preservation Trust Fund.

