

January 28, 1999

S 7. CLEAN N.C. 2000. TO AMEND THE LAWS OF NORTH CAROLINA TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF THE ENVIRONMENT OF THE STATE AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE. Contains no substantive provisions.

Effective July 1, 1999.

Intro. by Odom.

Ref. to Agriculture □ APPROP. □ □

July 15, 1999

S 7. AG TOURISM SIGNS. Intro. 1/28/99. Senate committee substitute completely rewrites 1st edition, including title, which now reads, AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE POSTING OF DIRECTIONAL SIGNS TO AGRICULTURAL MARKETING AND PROCESSING FACILITIES. Adds new GS 106-22.5 requiring the Dep't of Agriculture and Consumer Services to provide directional signs on major highways at or in reasonable proximity to the nearest interchange or within one mile leading to facilities that (1) market NC farm commodities; (2) process and market agricultural products, at least 50% of which are grown in NC; or (3) promote tourism by providing tours and on-site sales or samples of NC agricultural products to area tourists. To qualify for the signs, a facility must be open for business at least four days a week, ten months of the year. Authorizes the Dep't to assess the facility the actual reasonable costs of the sign and its installation.

Senate amendment makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Revises definition of agricultural facilities eligible for directional signs to those promoting tourism by providing tours and on-site sales or samples of NC agricultural products. Specifies that Dep't shall (was "may") assess the facility for the actual reasonable costs of the sign and its installation.