

June 17, 2002

**S 1453. DISPLACED AGRICULTURAL WORKERS/FEES. TO ENCOURAGE THE USE OF DISPLACED AGRICULTURAL WORKERS IN STATE PURCHASING OF GOODS AND SERVICES AND TO ESTABLISH A FEE FOR REGISTRATION AS A DISPLACED AGRICULTURAL WORKER.** Adds new GS 143-59.2 to require the Sec'y of Administration and any state agency authorized to purchase foodstuff or other products to give preference as far as may be practicable to products or services manufactured or produced by displaced agricultural workers. Prohibits any sacrifice or loss in price or quality in giving preference. Defines "displaced agricultural worker" as a person who is no longer able to financially support himself or herself as a worker in a farm operation due to the lack of farm-related work available. Amends GS 143-48 to make it policy of NC to encourage and promote use of displaced agricultural workers in state purchasing of goods and services, as well as of other groups already listed. Extends reporting to Dep't of Administration required by GS 143-48 to use of displaced agricultural worker-owned businesses. Requires any individual seeking classification as a displaced agricultural worker to pay a fee of \$25 to the Employment Securities Comm'n for registration and administrative costs.  
**Intro. by Webster.**

To be referred 6-18	GS 143
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