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H 1532. CLEAN HOG FARMS ACT OF 2005. TO CODIFY AND MAKE PERMANENT THE SWINE FARM ANIMAL WASTE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM PERFORMANCE STANDARDS THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ENACTED IN 1998 AND TO PHASE OUT THE USE OF THE LAGOON AND SPRAY FIELD ANIMAL WASTE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR SWINE FARMS. As title indicates. Codifies as GS 143-215.10I, the following uncodified acts: sec. 1.1 of SL 1997-458, as amended by sec. 2 of SL 1998-188, sec. 2.1 of SL 1999-329, sec. 1 of SL 2001-254, and sec. 1 of SL 2003-266, editing, reorganizing, and making conforming changes in the process. Deletes language of "moratorium" and provides simply that the Department of Environment and Natural Resources shall not issue or modify a permit authorizing the construction, operation, or expansion of an animal waste management system that employs a lagoon as the primary treatment method and spray field application as the method of disposal. Grandfathers any nonconforming animal waste management system serving a swine farm if permit issued before September 1, 2005, for a period of ten years after the date the waste management was first permitted, or until September 1, 2010, whichever is later. Effective September 1, 2005, and applies to any application for a new permit or a modification of an existing permit for an animal waste management system serving a swine farm.

Intro. by Justice.

Ref. to Environment and Natural Resources GS 143