March 16, 2005

H 671. AMEND PLANT PEST LAW. *TO AMEND THE PLANT PEST LAW TO PREEMPT LOCAL REGULATION OF PLANTS AND PLANT PESTS.* Adds new GS 106-420.2 prohibiting counties, cities, and other political subdivisions from regulating the use, sale, distribution, storage, transportation, disposal, labeling, registration, or handling of plants and plant pests. **Intro. by Hill.**

Ref. to Agriculture

GS 106

May 2, 2005

H 671. PLANT REGULATION (NEW). Intro. 3/16/05. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. The original bill would have preempted any local government regulation of plants or plant pests. The committee substitute deletes that provision and adds a new GS 106-423.10 declaring that the Board of Agriculture has sole authority to ban plants.

August 11, 2005

H 671. REGULATION OF GENETICALLY ALTERED PLANTS (NEW). Intro. 3/16/05. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Modifies proposed GS 106-423.10 to give the Board of Agriculture the sole authority to regulate genetically engineered or modified plants other than aquatic weeds. Amends GS 106-2 to increase Board's membership from 10 to 12 members to include a practicing organic farmer, and a member of a consumer advocacy group to represent the interests of consumers of foods grown or produced in NC. Provides for staggered terms of members. Also creates the sixteen-member Legislative Comm'n on Genetically Modified and Genetically Engineered Organisms to study a variety of problems relating to the use of those organisms. Makes technical changes.