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S 1043. WORKERS' COMP/AGRICULTURE WORKERS. *TO LOWER THE NUMBER OF AGRICULTURAL WORKERS THAT MUST BE EMPLOYED BY AN EMPLOYER IN ORDER FOR AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT TO BE WITHIN THE PURVIEW OF THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT AND TO PROVIDE A TEMPORARY REFUNDABLE TAX CREDIT FOR THE COSTS OF AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYERS BROUGHT UNDER THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT AS A RESULT OF THIS CHANGE.* Amends GS 97-2(1) and enacts new GS 105-130.47 and GS 105-151.29 as title indicates. Effective January 1, 2006, deletes exemption from Workers' Compensation Act for agriculture services that regularly employ under 10 full-time nonseasonal agricultural workers but creates credit for those employers that employ no more than two nonagricultural employees, effective beginning with 2006 tax year. Credit is calculated as a percentage of employer's workers' compensation costs and ranges from 60% in 2005 to 15% in 2008, the final year of the credit. Requires that Secretary of Revenue refund any excess credit to taxpayer. Makes conforming changes.

Intro. by Clodfelter.

Ref. to Commerce

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