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**S 1495. ENHANCE EMBARGO AUTH/PROTECT FOOD SUPPLY.** Filed 5/17/06. *TO ENHANCE THE EMBARGO AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES AND LOCAL HEALTH DIRECTORS AND TO DIRECT THE DEVELOPMENT OF A STATE PLAN TO PROTECT THE FOOD SUPPLY FROM INTENTIONAL CONTAMINATION.*

Amends GS 130A-21(a) to authorize the Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources or a local health director to exercise embargo authority concerning food or drink without being specifically granted that authority by the Commissioner of Agriculture. Restricts the Secretary's embargo authority in an establishment under inspection or investigation or that is otherwise regulated by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (DACS) or the US Department of Agriculture and requires that the Secretary take action only through or after consulting with regional environmental health specialists. Requires that the DACS be notified of the Secretary's exercise of embargo authority. Enacts new GS 130A-481 to require that the DACS and the Department of Health and Human Services develop a plan to protect the food supply from intentional contamination.

**Intro. by Nesbitt.**

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