

March 21, 2005

**S 681. NO LOCAL REGULATION OF FORESTRY/AGRICULTURE. TO PROHIBIT COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES FROM REGULATING CERTAIN FORESTRY AND AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITIES.** Enacts new GS 153A-451 and 160A-499 as title indicates. Prohibits the imposition of any notice, permit, or fee requirement or the adoption or maintenance of any ordinance or rule regulating forestry or agricultural activities on forestland or farmland, except does not limit the exercise of zoning and planning authority or apply to development activities.

**Intro. by Hoyle.**

Ref. to Agriculture

GS 153A, 160A

May 12, 2005

**S 681. CLARIFY REGULATION OF FORESTRY (NEW).** Intro. 5/12/2005. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition: (1) removes prohibition against local government regulation of agricultural activities, limiting scope to forestry activities; (2) limits scope of prohibition against local government regulation of forestry activities to those on forestland taxed at its present-use value or conducted in accordance with a forest management plan (counties) or a plan prepared or approved by a registered forester (cities); (3) provides that if a timber harvest results in the removal of all or substantially all of the trees that would have been protected under local government land development regulations, the local government may deny a building permit or site or subdivision plan approval for a period of up to five years; (4) provides that prohibition against local government regulation of forestry does not apply to a city's authority to regulate and protect city streets; and (5) exempts local regulations necessary to comply with any federal or State law, regulation, or rule.

May 17, 2005

**S 681. CLARIFY REGULATION OF FORESTRY.** Intro. 3/21/05. Senate amendment makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Proposed new sections in GS Chapter 153A and Chapter 160A allow a city or county to deny a building permit or refuse to approve a subdivision or site plan for a period after a timber harvest that results in the removal of substantially all of the otherwise protected trees on that site; this amendment reduces the period from five to two years.

August 9, 2005

**S 681. CLARIFY REGULATION OF FORESTRY.** Intro. 3/21/05. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 3rd edition. Adds provision allowing a county or city to deny a building permit or refuse to approve a site or subdivision plan for a period up to five years after the completion of a timber harvest if the harvest results in the removal of all or substantially all of the trees that were protected under the city's or county's regulations governing development from the tract of land for which the permit or approval is sought and the harvest was a willful violation the regulation. Makes other technical changes.

October 5, 2005

**SL 2005-447 (S 681). CLARIFY REGULATION OF FORESTRY. AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE ROLE OF COUNTIES AND CITIES IN REGULATING CERTAIN FORESTRY ACTIVITIES.**

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