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H 1501. AMEND NCDOL STATUTES. Filed 4/16/07. *TO MAKE CHANGES TO ARTICLE 19 OF CHAPTER 95 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES AND TO DIRECT THE NORTH CAROLINA HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY TO STUDY THE DEVELOPMENT OF A LOW-INTEREST LOAN PROGRAM FOR AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYERS.*

Amends GS 95-224 to allow the Commissioner of Labor (Commissioner) to delegate to the Director of the Agricultural Safety and Health Bureau (Director) the powers and duties necessary to ensure safe and healthy migrant housing conditions, and to supervise the director in the execution of those powers and duties. Authorizes the Commissioner to issue preoccupancy permits certifying that the migrant housing is in compliance with the provisions of the act and to oversee post occupancy inspections. Makes various changes to GS 95-225 and 95-226 dealing with preoccupancy and post occupancy inspection of migrant housing. Amends GS 95-227 regarding the responsibilities of the Department of Labor in maintaining records on migrant housing operators, housing units, inspections, and certification. Authorizes the Director to declare migrant housing uninhabitable and require the operator to provide alternative housing. Requires the Commissioner to report annually by May 1 data on preoccupancy and post occupancy inspections, including identification of migrant housing operators who fail to apply for or obtain permits to operate migrant housing under the act, to the Chairpersons of the Natural and Economic Resources Subcommittees of the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations. Requires the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency to study the need for low-cost financing for the construction and rehabilitation of migrant housing and the feasibility of a program to provide this financing. Report on the study is due to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations by July 1, 2008.

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