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H 1822. PHASE OUT LAGOON AND SPRAYFIELD SYSTEMS. Filed 4/18/07. *TO CODIFY AND MAKE PERMANENT THE SWINE FARM ANIMAL WASTE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM PERFORMANCE STANDARDS THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ENACTED IN 1998 AND TO CONDITION ANY INCREASE IN THE CAPACITY OF SWINE SLAUGHTER HOUSES ON THE PHASEOUT OF TRADITIONAL LAGOON AND SPRAYFIELD ANIMAL WASTE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS THAT SERVE SWINE FARMS.*

Enacts new GS 143-215.10I, effective September 1, 2007, prohibiting the authorization or modification of permits for hog farms using lagoon and sprayfield waste systems and authorizing the Environmental Management Commission (EMC) to issue permits for waste systems serving hog farms only if they meet or exceed listed performance standards. Provides that any permit for an animal waste management system serving a hog farm issued before September 1, 2007, that does not meet the requirements of GS 143-215.10I, may continue to operate until the later of September 1, 2012, or 10 years after the date on which the waste management system was first permitted. Prohibits the EMC from issuing the following types of permits until every waste management system serving a hog farm incorporates the standards of GS 143-215.10I: (1) for the construction of a wastewater treatment facility for a new hog slaughter facility; (2) for discharging wastewater or stormwater from a wastewater treatment plant serving a new hog slaughter facility; (3) for the expansion of a wastewater treatment facility serving a hog slaughter facility for which a discharge permit was in effect on the date the act becomes law; and (4) renewed or modified permits authorizing a discharge of wastewater or stormwater from a wastewater treatment plant serving a hog slaughter facility above the levels authorized by the discharge permit in effect on the date the act becomes law.

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