

March 22, 2007

S 1466. AMEND NCDOL STATUTES. Filed 3/22/07. *TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, MAKE CHANGES TO ARTICLE 19 OF CHAPTER 95 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES, AND 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 to delegate to the Director of the Agricultural Safety and Health Bureau the powers and duties necessary to ensure safe and healthy emigrant housing conditions. The Commissioner will supervise the director. Makes various changes to GS 95-225, 95-226, and 95-227 dealing with inspection of emigrant housing and the enforcement of Department regulations. Appropriates \$220,000 for 2007-08 and \$220,000 for 2008-09 from the General Fund to the Department of Labor to hire three new inspectors to implement the new provisions. 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.

Intro. by Albertson.

GS 95, STUDY, APPROP

April 24, 2007

S 1466. AMEND NCDOL STATUTES. Filed 3/22/07. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Modifies proposed GS 95-225(h) to provide that an operator may charge a migrant the costs of replacing a mattress cover if the cover is damaged beyond reasonable wear and tear. Modifies proposed GS 95-226(g)(4) to clarify that a person making a referral to the Department of Labor must have firsthand knowledge of an alleged violation under the article or of an alleged safety or health hazard. Amends GS 95-227 to remove the definition of *Director*, remove the requirement that the Commissioner of Labor's report include prosecution of operators, and make technical changes. Removes the appropriation to the Department of Labor for hiring inspectors. Makes conforming title change.

May 14, 2007

S 1466. MIGRANT HOUSING HEALTH/SAFETY (NEW). Filed 3/22/07. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Provides that the first report required by proposed GS 95-227(f) is due May 1, 2008. Changes the title to *AN ACT TO MAKE CHANGES RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY TO THE MIGRANT HOUSING ACT OF NORTH CAROLINA AND TO DIRECT THE NORTH CAROLINA HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY TO STUDY THE DEVELOPMENT OF A LOW-INTEREST LOAN PROGRAM FOR AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYERS.*

May 23, 2007

S 1466. MIGRANT HOUSING HEALTH/SAFETY. Filed 3/22/07. Senate amendment #2 makes the following changes to 3rd edition. Amends GS 95-227 to require the Department of Labor (DOL) to provide the person who owns or controls migrant housing with a copy of the employer guide that has been prepared by the US Department of Justice on compliance with the Immigration and Nationality Act, at the time that the DOL conducts a preoccupancy inspection.

July 9, 2007

S 1466. MIGRANT HOUSING HEALTH/SAFETY. Filed 3/22/07. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 4th edition. Moves proposed GS 95-227(g) to GS 95-226(a). Makes conforming and technical changes to GS 95-226(d). Modifies proposed GS 95-226(f) to provide that the operator's right to conduct the preoccupancy inspection applies to the particular migrant housing unit that received a 100% compliance rate for two consecutive years. Requires the operator to request a preoccupancy inspection in the year following a year when the operator conducted a self-inspection. Also requires operators conducting their own preoccupancy inspections to notify the local health department in writing and requires the local health

department to inspect the migrant housing for compliance with GS 95-225(c) and (d). Moves proposed GS 95-227(e) to proposed new GS 95-299.1.

Clarifies throughout the bill that *Department* refers to the Department of Labor of North Carolina. Makes technical changes.

September 4, 2007

SL 2007-548 (S 1466). MIGRANT HOUSING HEALTH/SAFETY. AN ACT TO MAKE CHANGES RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY TO THE MIGRANT HOUSING ACT OF NORTH CAROLINA AND TO DIRECT THE NORTH CAROLINA HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY TO STUDY THE DEVELOPMENT OF A LOW-INTEREST LOAN PROGRAM FOR AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYERS. Summarized in *Daily Bulletin* 3/22/07, 4/24/07, 5/14/07, 5/23/07, and 7/9/07. Enacted August 31, 2007. Effective August 31, 2007.