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H 255. ZONING/AGRI. ANNEXATION EXEMPTION. Filed 2/19/09. PROVIDING A ZONING EXEMPTION FOR ANY AGRICULTURAL INTEREST ANNEXED BY A MUNICIPALITY.

Enacts new GS 160A-393 as the title indicates. Applies to any agricultural interest included in an area to be annexed by a municipality under Article 4A (regarding extension of corporate limits) of GS Chapter 160A. Defines *agricultural interest* to mean an area of land, including any structures, used primarily for (1) the production of produce, grains, livestock, or fibers; (2) the production of horticultural products; (3) the production of aquaculture products; (4) a demonstration, research, or test farm; or (5) a petting zoo.

Intro. by Cleveland, Hill, Langdon. GS 160A

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H 255. ZONING/ AGRI. ANNEXATION EXEMPTION. Filed 2/19/09. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition.

Amends proposed GS 160A-393 to expand the meaning of the phrase, *agricultural interest*, to include an area of land, including any structures used primarily for: (1) the production of trees and timber, (2) agritourism, or (3) equine activities. Adds a new subsection (a2) to GS 160A-360 to provide that the provisions of GS 160A-360 (regarding territorial jurisdiction) do not apply to any *agricultural interest*, as defined in proposed GS 160A-393(b), located within the extraterritorial jurisdiction of a municipality. Makes a conforming change to the title.