

March 27, 2009

S 1067. SUSTAINABLE LOCAL FOOD POLICY COUNCIL/GOAL. Filed 3/26/09. *TO ESTABLISH AS A STATEWIDE GOAL THAT TEN PERCENT OF THE FOOD PRODUCTS THAT ARE CONSUMED IN NORTH CAROLINA BE SUSTAINABLY AND LOCALLY PRODUCED IN NORTH CAROLINA BY THE YEAR 2020 AND TO ESTABLISH THE NORTH CAROLINA SUSTAINABLE LOCAL FOOD POLICY COUNCIL TO ADDRESS POLICY AND PROGRAMMATIC CONSIDERATIONS REGARDING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SUSTAINABLE LOCAL FOOD ECONOMY IN NORTH CAROLINA.*

Adds new Part 21 to Article 10 of GS Chapter 143B as the title indicates. Establishes 20-member North Carolina Sustainable Local Food Policy Council (Council), with specified areas of expertise and/or positions. States that the purpose of the council is to promote a local food economy and to develop sustainable local food policies for North Carolina. Delineates specific duties of the Council. Requires the Council to submit an annual report by October 1 of each year to the Governor and the General Assembly. Directs the Department of the Commerce to use \$100,000 for each year of the biennium of its available funds for the costs of the work of Council. Effective July 1, 2009.

Intro. by Albertson.

GS 143B

May 12, 2009

S 1067. SUSTAINABLE LOCAL FOOD POLICY COUNCIL/GOAL. Filed 3/26/09. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition.

Deletes proposed new Part 21, *NC Sustainable Local Food Goal; Joint Legislative Sustainable Local Food Policy Council*, of GS Chapter 143B, Article 10, and instead, recodifies the provisions of proposed Part 21 as new Article 70, *North Carolina Sustainable Local Food Policy Council*, in GS Chapter 106. Deletes findings from the General Assembly asserting that the time is right for the state to build its sustainable local food economy. Also deletes stated goal of the state to locally produce 10% of the food products consumed in North Carolina by 2020. Clarifies that it is the intent of the General Assembly that the local food economy serve to supplement and not supplant current state agriculture.

Defines *sustainable food* and *local food* as the terms are used in proposed Article 70. Creates the North Carolina Sustainable Local Food Policy Council (Council) within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (was, within the Department of Commerce). Increases the membership of the Council to 24 members (was, 20 members). Also makes changes to the composition of the membership of the Council. Provides that a quorum of the Council consists of 13 members (was, 11) and provides that terms are to be staggered so that eight terms expire on June 30 of each year (was, three terms). Provides food policy issues that the Council may consider (was, shall consider) in developing sustainable local food policies for North Carolina. Adds the Commissioner of Agriculture to the recipients of the Council's required annual report. Makes technical and conforming changes to replace references to the proposed statutory changes to GS Chapter 143B with the proposed statutory changes to GS Chapter 106.

August 5, 2009

S 1067. SUSTAINABLE LOCAL FOOD POLICY COUNCIL/GOAL. Filed 3/26/09. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Changes the name of the Council to North Carolina Sustainable Local Food Advisory Council (adding "Advisory"), increases its size from 24 to 27 members, and changes the appointing authorities as set out below. Replaces three members who are local food producers with six local food producers, two each who are organic, conventional, and sustainable producers respectively. Adds one member from NC State Grange, to be appointed by Speaker; and one who is representative of a business engaged in processing, packaging, or distributing food, to be appointed by Speaker in consultation with the NC Agribusiness Council. Deletes members from Departments of Environment and Natural Resources and Insurance. Specifies or changes the appointing authority of the following members, as follows:

- Two local organic food producers, to be appointed by Speaker.

- Two local conventional and two local sustainable food producers, to be appointed by Commissioner of Agriculture (Commissioner).
 - Representative of Carolina Farm Stewardship Association, to be appointed by Governor (rather than by Speaker).
 - Representative of Center for Environmental Farming Systems, to be appointed by Governor (rather than by Speaker).
 - Representative of NC Association of Black Lawyers Land Loss Prevention Project, Inc., to be appointed by Commissioner (rather than by Speaker).
 - Representative of Center for Community Action, Inc., to be appointed by Commissioner (rather than by President Pro Tem.).
 - Representative of the NC Association of County Commissioners, to be appointed by President Pro Tem. (rather than by Speaker).
 - Representative of the NC Cooperative Extension Service, to be appointed by Governor (rather than by Commissioner).
 - Representative of Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention, to be appointed by President Pro Tem. (rather than by Speaker).
 - Representative of a food bank, to be appointed by Governor (rather than by President Pro Tem).
 - Representative of NC Rural Economic Development Center, Inc., to be appointed by Speaker (rather than by President Pro Tem.).
- Modifies initial staggering of member's terms.
- Deletes appropriation to Council.
 - Makes conforming changes, including amending the title.
 - Makes act effective when it becomes law and provides for expiration on July 31, 2012.

September 1, 2009

SL 2009-530 (S 1067). SUSTAINABLE LOCAL FOOD POLICY COUNCIL/GOAL. AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NORTH CAROLINA SUSTAINABLE LOCAL FOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL TO ADDRESS PROGRAM AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS REGARDING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SUSTAINABLE LOCAL FOOD ECONOMY IN NORTH CAROLINA. Summarized in *Daily Bulletin* 3/27/09, 5/12/09, and 8/5/09. Enacted August 28, 2009. Effective August 28, 2009.