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Short Title: Study Antibiotics Fed to Livestock. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Harrison, Fulghum, Murry, and Moffitt (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO STUDY THE POTENTIAL REPORTING OF ANTIBIOTIC DRUG USE IN  
3 LIVESTOCK RAISED IN NORTH CAROLINA.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** The Division of Public Health of the Department of Health and  
6 Human Services, with the cooperation of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer  
7 Services, shall study the use of antibiotic drugs in livestock production in the State. As part of  
8 its study, the Division and Department shall:

- 9 (1) Examine the supply chain of antibiotic delivery to livestock raised in the  
10 State.  
11 (2) Determine which segment of the antibiotic supply chain (considering, but  
12 not limited to, the antibiotic manufacturer, owner of the animal, feed mill, or  
13 farm operator or owner) would provide the best estimate through reporting  
14 to the Division of Public Health of the types, amounts, application methods,  
15 reasons for use (including disease prevention, growth promotion, or disease  
16 treatment), and target livestock species of antibiotic use in the livestock  
17 industry operating in the State.  
18 (3) Conduct a survey in the three counties of the State with the highest densities  
19 of hog, poultry, dairy, and beef populations of operators or owners of  
20 livestock production facilities, owners of the animals, and the feed mills  
21 providing antibiotics for growth promotion, disease prevention, or disease  
22 treatment to the livestock. The survey shall provide an initial estimate of the  
23 types, amounts, application methods, and target species of antibiotic use in  
24 the raising of those livestock in the State.  
25 (4) Examine the occurrence and trends over the last decade of antibiotic  
26 resistance to antibiotics used in livestock production (as identified in the  
27 2011 United States Food and Drug Administration Summary Report on  
28 Antimicrobials Sold or Distributed for use in Food-Producing Animals) in  
29 hospitals and within other appropriate medical facilities serving the  
30 populations within the 10 counties with the highest densities of livestock in  
31 North Carolina and the 10 counties with the lowest densities of livestock in  
32 North Carolina.

33 **SECTION 2.** The Division of Public Health of the Department of Health and  
34 Human Services and the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall jointly report  
35 their findings and recommendations developed pursuant to this act to the Joint Legislative  
36 Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services on or before January 1, 2015.



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**SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.