## **GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA** SESSION 2013

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## **HOUSE BILL 266** PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE H266-PCS90105-TQ-16

Short Title: Standards for Some Nursery Stock Purchases. (Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

## March 11, 2013

## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

2 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO STUDY THE 3 PROHIBITION OF COMMUNITY APPEARANCE COMMISSIONS, CITIES, AND 4 COUNTIES FROM REQUIRING THAT NURSERY STOCK THAT IS PURCHASED WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE COMMISSION, CITY, OR COUNTY 5 6 RESPECTIVELY MEET ANY STANDARD FOR NURSERY STOCK THAT IS 7 STRICTER THAN THE AMERICAN STANDARD FOR NURSERY STOCK ADOPTED 8 BY THE AMERICAN NURSERY AND LANDSCAPE ASSOCIATION, UNLESS THE 9 STRICTER STANDARD IS NECESSARY TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH OR 10 SAFETY.

11 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

12 SECTION 1. The Legislative Research Commission shall study whether 13 community appearance commissions, municipalities, or counties should be prohibited from requiring that nursery stock purchased to be planted within the jurisdiction of the commission, 14 municipality, or county satisfy any standard for nursery stock that exceeds the American 15 Standard for Nursery Stock adopted by the American Nursery and Landscape Association, 16 17 unless the stricter standard is necessary to protect public health or safety. The Commission 18 shall make a report on this issue, including any recommendations or legislative proposals, to 19 the 2013 Regular Session of the General Assembly when it reconvenes in 2014. 20

**SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.



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