

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 377
PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE S377-PCS35323-SU-14

Short Title: Suspend Truck Inspection/Severe Weather. (Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 21, 2013

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO ALLOW THE GOVERNOR TO TEMPORARILY SUSPEND ROUTINE
3 WEIGHT INSPECTIONS OF TRUCKS UPON THE EXISTENCE OF AN IMMINENT
4 THREAT OF WIDESPREAD OR SEVERE DAMAGE TO CROPS THAT ARE READY
5 TO BE HARVESTED.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 SECTION 1. G.S. 166A-19.70 reads as rewritten:
8 "§ 166A-19.70. **Ensuring availability of emergency supplies and utility ~~services~~services;**
9 **protection of agricultural crops.**

10 ...
11 (g) Upon the recommendation of the Commissioner of Agriculture, it shall be lawful for
12 the Governor, by an executive order issued pursuant to G.S. 166A-19.20 or independently of
13 such an order, to direct the Department of Public Safety to temporarily suspend weighing,
14 pursuant to G.S. 20-118.1, of those vehicles used to transport crops from designated counties in
15 an emergency area, as defined in G.S. 166A-19.3(7), or in counties designated by the Governor
16 in an executive order issued independently of an order pursuant to G.S. 166A-19.20, if there
17 exists an imminent threat of widespread or severe damage to crops that are ready to be
18 harvested, unless a law enforcement officer has probable cause to believe that the vehicle is
19 creating an imminent hazard to public safety. The Department of Public Safety shall develop
20 procedures to carry out the provisions of this section. This section shall not be construed to
21 permit the gross weight of any vehicle or combination in excess of the safe load carrying
22 capacity established by the Department of Transportation on any bridge pursuant to
23 G.S. 136-72. This suspension shall end when the Governor determines that the threat of
24 widespread or severe damage to the designated counties has passed."

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



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