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SENATE BILL DRS35385-TQ-63

Short Title: Extend Agricultural Disaster Program Deadline. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator B. Jackson (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO EXTEND THE APPLICATION PERIOD FOR THE HURRICANE FLORENCE
3 AGRICULTURAL DISASTER PROGRAM OF 2018.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 5.11(e) of S.L. 2018-136 reads as rewritten:

6 "**SECTION 5.11.(e)** A person seeking financial assistance for losses of agricultural
7 commodities shall submit to the Department a Form 578 on file with the USDA Farm Service
8 Agency or a form provided by the Department for reporting acreage or plantings of crops not
9 typically reported on Form 578, along with any other documentation deemed appropriate by the
10 Department, on or before ~~December 10, 2018~~December 20, 2018. For nursery crops,
11 fruit-bearing trees and bushes, and specialty crops where the survival level is not immediately
12 known, the Department may extend this deadline to May 1, 2019, upon written request by the
13 person received on or before ~~December 10, 2018~~December 20, 2018, and upon approval by the
14 Department. A person receiving assistance under this program must provide a signed affidavit,
15 under penalty of perjury, certifying that each fact of the loss presented by the person is accurate."

16 **SECTION 2.** Section 5.11(g) of S.L. 2018-136 reads as rewritten:

17 "**SECTION 5.11.(g)** A person seeking financial assistance for losses of livestock or poultry
18 shall submit documentation of loss and indemnity received from the USDA Livestock Indemnity
19 Program, along with any other documentation deemed appropriate by the Department, to the
20 Department on or before ~~December 10, 2018~~December 20, 2018. The Department may extend
21 this deadline to March 1, 2019, upon written request by the person received on or before
22 ~~December 10, 2018~~December 20, 2018, and upon approval by the Department. A person
23 receiving assistance under this program must provide a signed affidavit, under penalty of perjury,
24 certifying that each fact of the loss presented by the person is accurate."

25 **SECTION 3.** Section 5.11(h) of S.L. 2018-136 reads as rewritten:

26 "**SECTION 5.11.(h)** The Department shall administer the financial assistance program
27 authorized by this section in accordance with the following criteria:

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- 29 (3) The Department shall gather all claim information, except from those
30 applicants granted a deadline extension, no later than ~~December 10,~~
31 ~~2018~~December 20, 2018. The Department shall, as closely as possible,
32 estimate the amount of the appropriation needed to be held in reserve for
33 payments related to losses of livestock, poultry, nursery, bush, tree, and
34 specialty crops for which losses will not be fully known or calculated. The
35 Department shall set aside funds as it deems appropriate based on the
36 estimated percentage of these losses.



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SECTION 4. This act is effective when it becomes law.