

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2021

H.B. 1152
May 26, 2022
HOUSE PRINCIPAL CLERK

H

D

HOUSE BILL DRH10614-MHa-183

Short Title: Encourage Cover Crops/Insurance Subsidy. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Roberson.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PRESERVE FARMLAND AND WATER QUALITY BY ENACTING A CROP
3 INSURANCE PAYMENT SUBSIDY PROGRAM FOR FARMERS WHO ESTABLISH
4 COVER CROPS.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.(a)** The sum of one million seven hundred fifty thousand dollars
7 (\$1,750,000) in recurring funds is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
8 Agriculture and Consumer Services to establish and fund a program within the Department's
9 Division of Soil and Water Conservation to provide a subsidy of five dollars (\$5.00) per acre to
10 crop insurance premium payments for farmers who plant cover crops. Funding under the program
11 would be limited to farmers that meet both of the following criteria:

- 12 (1) The establishment of the cover crop complies with best practices for
13 establishment of cover crops established by the Division.
14 (2) The acreage enrolled in the program is not a part of any other federal
15 conservation program.

16 **SECTION 1.(b)** The Department shall consult with a working group of farmers,
17 agricultural organizations, and conservation organizations in implementing the cover crop
18 payment subsidy established by this section.

19 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2022.

