



Roy Cooper, Governor
State of North Carolina

GOVERNOR ROY COOPER OBJECTIONS AND VETO MESSAGE:

Senate Bill 582, "AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE AGRICULTURAL AND WASTEWATER LAWS OF THIS STATE."

The provision in this bill that severely weakens protection for wetlands means more severe flooding for homes, roads and businesses and dirtier water for our people, particularly in eastern North Carolina. This provision coupled with the drastic weakening of federal rules caused by the U.S. Supreme Court's recent decision in the Sackett case, leaves approximately 2.5 million acres, or about one half of our state's wetlands, unprotected. The General Assembly has allocated tens of millions of dollars to protect the state from flooding and my administration is working to stop pollution like PFAS and other contaminants. This bill reverses our progress and leaves the state vulnerable without vital flood mitigation and water purification tools.

Therefore, I veto the bill.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roy Cooper".

Roy Cooper
Governor

The bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina Senate on this the 23 day of June 2023, at 3:59 pm for reconsideration by that body.

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Date June 23, 2023

Time 3:59 p.m.

Signed Sarah Holland

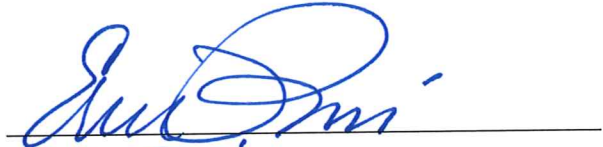
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SECTION 18.(b) Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes law.
In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 12th day of June, 2023.



Phil Berger
President Pro Tempore of the Senate

VETO
Roy Cooper



Erin Paré
Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

Roy Cooper
Governor

Approved _____ .m. this _____ day of _____, 2023

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