

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NUMBER: Senate Bill 1304

SHORT TITLE: Study Lagoon Phase Out Implementation

SPONSOR(S): Senators Odom; Albertson, Cochrane, Horton, Jenkins, Kinnaird, Martin of Pitt, Perdue and Phillips.

FISCAL IMPACT

Yes () No (x) No Estimate Available ()

FY 1998-99 FY 1999-00 FY 2000-01 FY 2001-02 FY 2002-03

EXPENDITURES

No Significant Fiscal Impact

POSITIONS:

PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) &

PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED: Department of Environment and Natural Resources
Division of Water Quality; Division of Soil and Water Conservation

EFFECTIVE DATE: When the act becomes law.

BILL SUMMARY: *TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO STUDY ISSUES RELATED TO THE PHASEOUT OF ANAEROBIC LAGOONS AND SPRAYFIELDS AS THE PRIMARY METHODS OF DISPOSING OF ANIMAL WASTE AT SWINE FARMS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW COMMISSION.* Requires DENR to coordinate joint study by Divisions of Water Quality and Soil and Water Conservation, consulting with numerous agencies, to recommend phaseout of swine lagoons, identify criteria and standards for alternative disposal technologies, recommend a process to identify the best technologies and a process and timetable for phaseout, and identify funding alternatives. DENR must report to Commission by Oct. 1, 1998.¹

¹ *Daily Bulletin*, Institute of Government, UNC-Chapel Hill, Vol. 1998, No. 18, May 25, 1998.

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:

Because the department is required to report its findings and recommendations to the Environmental Review Commission by October 1, 1998, existing staff from the Divisions of Water Quality and Soil and Water Conservation will be used to conduct the study. DENR is directed to consult with representatives from the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Cooperative Extension Service, the Animal and Poultry Waste Management Center at NCSU, as well as other agriculture, environmental and natural resource organizations and interest groups in developing recommendations as specified in the bill. Most of the costs associated with implementing this act will result from travel and meeting expenses, including clerical staff, supplies, postage, printing, and data processing. It is anticipated these costs can be absorbed from existing resources of the department.

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS: none

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