

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2019**

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**SENATE BILL 268**

Short Title: Ag Disaster Fund/Excessive Rain & Flooding. (Public)

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Sponsors: Senator Edwards (Primary Sponsor).

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Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

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March 18, 2019

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO EXTEND THE DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR THE HURRICANE FLORENCE  
2 AGRICULTURAL DISASTER PROGRAM OF 2018 FOR CERTAIN COUNTIES THAT  
3 RECEIVED A PRESIDENTIAL OR SECRETARIAL DISASTER DECLARATION AS A  
4 RESULT OF EXCESSIVE RAIN AND FLOODING THAT OCCURRED DURING MAY  
5 15, 2018, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2018, AFTER THE ORIGINAL DEADLINE.  
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7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 **SECTION 1.** Notwithstanding the deadline set forth in Section 5.11(e) of S.L.  
9 2018-136, as amended by S.L. 2018-141, a person who experienced a verifiable loss of  
10 agricultural commodities as a result of excessive rain and flooding that occurred during May 15,  
11 2018, through December 31, 2018, and whose farm is located in a North Carolina county that,  
12 between January 31, 2019, and February 15, 2019, was included in a Secretarial Disaster  
13 Declaration as a result of excessive rain and flooding that occurred during May 15, 2018, through  
14 December 31, 2018, issued by the United States Secretary of Agriculture, is eligible for financial  
15 assistance for losses of agricultural commodities pursuant to Section 5.11 of S.L. 2018-136.

16 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law. The Department shall accept  
17 completed applications from people eligible for financial assistance pursuant to Section 1 of this  
18 act for no more than 10 consecutive business days on which the federal government is not  
19 partially or fully shut down, beginning on the effective date of this act. This act shall expire on  
20 the date the Department has processed all applications validly received during this period.



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