### GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

#### **SESSION 1989**

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#### **HOUSE BILL 591**

Short Title: Pesticide Disposal Funds.	(Public)
Sponsors: Representatives DeVane, Brown, James, and Fletcher.	
Referred to: Basic Resources.	

## March 15, 1989

# A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR PESTICIDE DISPOSAL PROGRAM EXPANSION.

Whereas, the North Carolina Department of Agriculture has had a Pesticide Disposal Assistance Program since 1980 under which more than 230,000 pounds of unwanted pesticides have been disposed of; and

Whereas, this program is a great assistance to homeowners, institutions, and to farmers who often find unwanted, and, in some cases, unidentified pesticides requiring disposal; and

Whereas, in order to continue and expand the program, which due to operational limitations has required the disposal process of identified and unidentified pesticides to extend for more than one year, requiring the unaccepted products to be stored in less than desirable situations and thus creating serious health and environmental hazards; and

Whereas, this appropriation will enable the Department of Agriculture to:

- (1) Receive and store dioxin contaminated products until a suitable permitted storage or disposal facility becomes available;
- (2) Receive, store, identify, and dispose of unknown pesticide products;
- (3) Impose no limitations on the quantities of pesticides collected from individuals requesting assistance;
- (4) Greatly increase the efficiency of collecting pesticides by providing a location within each county for persons to bring in unwanted products for disposal;

1	(5)	Develop cooperative programs with local county agencies to promote
2		the disposal program and to assist in the collection and disposal of old,
3		obsolete, banned, or damaged products as well as the recycling of
4		currently registered and usable pesticides;
5	(6)	Collect, transport, and dispose of pesticides in larger containers such
6		as 30 and 55 gallon drums; and
7	(7)	Provide for the safer and more efficient operation of the program;
8	Now, therefore,	
9	The General As	sembly of North Carolina enacts:
10	Section	on 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
11	Agriculture the sum of nine hundred thirty-five thousand one hundred fifty-five dollars	
12	(\$935,155) for	the 1989-90 fiscal year and the sum of seven hundred eighty-two
13	thousand eight hundred five dollars (\$782,805) for the 1990-91 fiscal year to fund the	
14	pesticide disposal program expansion.	
15	Sec. 2	2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1989.