GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 1089

Short Title: Sweet Potato Insurance Reclassification.	(Public)
Sponsors: Representative Arnold.	_
Referred to: Insurance.	

April 15, 1999

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE NORTH CAROLINA RATE BUREAU TO RECLASSIFY SWEET POTATOES FOR THE PURPOSE OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE.

Whereas, the potato is a tuber and is planted and harvested with the use of mechanical equipment; and

Whereas, the potato is classified by the North Carolina Rate Bureau as "0037 field crops & drivers" for purposes of determining workers' compensation insurance rates; and

Whereas, other vegetables such as cucumbers, squash, and peppers are planted and harvested using hand labor and are therefore classifed by the North Carolina Rate Bureau as "0008 vegetable & driver"for purposes of determining workers' compensation insurance rates, with lower rates than potatoes; and

Whereas, sweet potatoes are root vegetables and are planted and harvested using hand labor rather than mechanized equipment; and

Whereas, the North Carolina Rate Bureau currently classifies sweet potatoes with other potatoes for purposes of determining workers' compensation insurance rates, with a higher rate than other vegetables harvested by hand; Now, therefore,

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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Section 1. The North Carolina Rate Bureau shall reclassify sweet potatoes as "0008 vegetable & driver" for purposes of determing workers' compensation insurance rates and shall adjust all rates accordingly.

Section 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1999.