

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2003**

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HOUSE DRH10041-LB-68 (2/19)

Short Title: Wentworth Agricultural Zoning. (Local)

Sponsors: Representative Sexton.

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF WENTWORTH TO
EXEMPT AGRICULTURAL LAND USES WITHIN THAT JURISDICTION
FROM ZONING.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. The Charter of the Town of Wentworth, being Chapter 76 of the Private Laws of 1798, as amended by S.L. 1997-322, is amended by adding a new section to read:

"Sec. 5.2. **Zoning Exemption.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Town may not regulate or restrict agricultural land uses under its zoning ordinance. For the purposes of this section, an 'agricultural land use' includes 'agricultural land' as defined in G.S. 105-277.2 and property used for 'bona fide farm purposes' as defined in G.S. 153A-340(b)(2). This exemption does not limit regulation under this section with respect to the use of farm property for nonfarm purposes."

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.