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HOUSE BILL 1282

Short Title: Pilot Program/Funds for Mortalities Disposal. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Tolson, Hill (Primary Sponsors); and LaRoque.

Referred to: Appropriations.

April 19, 2005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A PILOT COST-SHARING PROGRAM TO ASSIST
2 FARMERS IN THE PURCHASE OF INCINERATORS OR OTHER DISPOSAL
3 EQUIPMENT FOR THE DISPOSAL OF MORTALITIES AT ANIMAL
4 OPERATIONS IN AN ENVIRONMENTALLY EFFECTIVE MANNER.
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6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** A pilot cost-share program for the environmentally effective
8 disposal of mortalities at animal operations is created. The pilot program shall be
9 developed, implemented, and administered by the Department of Agriculture and
10 Consumer Services. The pilot program shall provide State funding to assist farmers who
11 operate animal operations to purchase incinerators or other advanced-technology
12 disposal equipment that disposes of mortalities at animal operations in an
13 environmentally effective manner. Any State funding provided for the purchase of an
14 incinerator or other equipment for the disposal of animal mortalities shall be matched on
15 a one-to-one basis by the assisted farmer and shall be used only for the purchase of
16 disposal equipment that the Department has approved as environmentally effective and
17 as eligible for funding under this act. The Department of Agriculture and Consumer
18 Services shall not give grants under this pilot program to any one farmer in excess of
19 thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000). The Department of Agriculture and Consumer
20 Services may determine a basis for giving priority designation for grants under this
21 program.

22 **SECTION 2.** No later than December 1, 2006, the Department of
23 Agriculture and Consumer Services shall report to the Fiscal Research Division and to
24 the House and Senate Appropriations Subcommittees on Natural and Economic
25 Resources. The report shall include a list of projects that received State funding
26 pursuant to the pilot program under this act, findings regarding the effectiveness of each
27 of these projects to accomplish its primary purpose in an environmentally effective
28 manner, whether continuation of this pilot program is recommended, and, if so, how the
29 program can be improved.

1 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services may
2 adopt rules to implement this act.

3 **SECTION 4.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
4 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services the sum of two hundred thousand
5 dollars (\$200,000) for the 2005-2006 fiscal year to provide cost-share funds for grants
6 under the pilot program created by this act.

7 **SECTION 5.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2005.