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SENATE BILL 768

Short Title: Repeal Yard Waste Permitting Rqmts. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Wade, Brock, and B. Jackson (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO REPEAL SOLID WASTE PERMITTING REQUIREMENTS FOR YARD  
WASTE, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW COMMISSION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 130A-290(a) reads as rewritten:

"§ 130A-290. **Definitions.**

(a) Unless a different meaning is required by the context, the following definitions shall  
apply throughout this Article:

...

(45) "Yard trash" means solid waste ~~consisting solely of vegetative matter~~ resulting  
from landscaping ~~maintenance and yard maintenance, including brush, grass,~~  
tree limbs, and similar vegetative material.

(46) "Yard waste" means yard trash and land-clearing debris, including stumps,  
limbs, leaves, grass, and untreated wood."

**SECTION 2.** G.S. 130A-294 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(v) Yard waste diverted from the waste stream or collected as source separated material is  
not subject to a solid waste permit for transfer, treatment, processing, storage, or disposal in a  
permitted solid waste management facility. Operators of facilities where yard waste is subject to  
transfer, treatment, processing, storage, or disposal shall, however, do all of the following:

(1) Submit a notification of the yard waste facility to the Department on a  
prescribed form, signed and notarized by the owner of the land on which the  
facility is located, as well as the operator of the facility, if different from the  
owner of the land.

(2) File the notification form submitted pursuant to subdivision (1) of this  
subsection for recordation in the Register of Deeds' Office. The Register of  
Deeds shall index the notification in the grantor index under the name of the  
owner of the land in the county or counties in which the land is located. A copy  
of the recorded notification, affixed with the Register's seal and the date, and  
the book and page number of recording shall be sent to the Department.

(3) Comply with all other federal, State, or local laws, ordinances, rules,  
regulations, or orders, including zoning, flood plain, and wetland restrictions,  
sedimentation and erosion control requirements, and mining regulations.  
Nothing in this subsection shall be construed as limiting the authority of any  
local government to manage the transfer, treatment, processing, storage, or  
disposal of yard waste."



1           **SECTION 3.(a)** Definitions. – "Treatment and Processing Facilities Rule" means 15A  
2 NCAC 13B .0300 (Treatment and Processing Facilities) for purposes of this section and its  
3 implementation.

4           **SECTION 3.(b)** Treatment and Processing Facilities Rule. – Until the effective date  
5 of the revised permanent rule that the Commission for Public Health is required to adopt pursuant  
6 to Section 3(d) of this act, the Commission and the Department of Environmental Quality shall  
7 implement the Treatment and Processing Facilities Rule and any other rule in Chapter 15A of the  
8 North Carolina Administrative Code that requires a solid waste permit for the transfer, treatment,  
9 processing, storage, or disposal of yard waste, as provided in Section 3(c) of this act.

10           **SECTION 3.(c)** Implementation. – Notwithstanding any provision of the Treatment  
11 and Processing Facilities Rule or any other rule in Chapter 15A of the North Carolina  
12 Administrative Code that requires a solid waste permit for the transfer, treatment, processing,  
13 storage, or disposal of yard waste, the Commission shall not require a solid waste permit for the  
14 transfer, treatment, processing, storage, or disposal of yard waste.

15           **SECTION 3.(d)** Additional Rule-Making Authority. – The Commission shall adopt a  
16 rule to replace or modify the Treatment and Processing Facilities Rule and any other rule in  
17 Chapter 15A of the North Carolina Administrative Code that requires a solid waste permit for the  
18 transfer, treatment, processing, storage, or disposal of yard waste. Notwithstanding  
19 G.S. 150B-19(4), the rule adopted by the Commission pursuant to this section shall be  
20 substantively identical to the provisions of Section 3(c) of this act. Rules adopted pursuant to this  
21 section are not subject to G.S. 150B-21.9 through G.S. 150B-21.14. The rule adopted pursuant to  
22 this section shall become effective, as provided in G.S. 150B-21.3(b1), as though 10 or more  
23 written objections had been received, as provided by G.S. 150B-21.3(b2).

24           **SECTION 3.(e)** Effective Date. – Section 3(c) of this act expires when permanent  
25 rules to replace Section 3(c) of this act have become effective, as provided by Section 3(d) of this  
26 act.

27           **SECTION 4.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2017, and applies to the transfer,  
28 treatment, processing, storage, or disposal of yard waste occurring on or after that date.