

Roy Cooper, Governor State of North Carolina

GOVERNOR ROY COOPER'S OBJECTIONS AND VETO MESSAGE:

House Bill 467, "AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE REMEDIES AVAILABLE IN PRIVATE NUISANCE ACTIONS AGAINST AGRICULTURAL AND FORESTRY OPERATIONS"

The agriculture and forestry industries are vital to our economy and we should encourage them to thrive.

But nuisance laws can be used to protect property rights and make changes for good. We used nuisance laws to force the Tennessee Valley Authority to stop air pollution from flowing into North Carolina and we won damages to improve air quality.

Special protection for one industry opens the door to weakening our nuisance laws in other areas which can allow real harm to homeowners, the environment and everyday North Carolinians.

Therefore, I veto the bill.

Roy Cooper Governor

The bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina House of Representatives on this _______ for reconsideration by that body.

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