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1	A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2	AN ACT TO MAKE CLARIFYING, CONFORMING, AND TECHNICAL
3	AMENDMENTS TO VARIOUS LAWS RELATED TO THE ENVIRONMENT,
4	AS RECOMMENDED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW COMMISSION.
5	The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
6	<b>SECTION 1.</b> G.S. 58-37-1 reads as rewritten:
7	"§ 58-37-1. Definitions.
8	As used in this Article:
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10	(7) "Motor vehicle insurance" means direct insurance against liability
11	arising out of the ownership, operation, maintenance or use of a motor
12	vehicle for bodily injury including death and property damage and
13	includes medical payments and uninsured and underinsured motorist
14	coverages.
15	With respect to motor carriers who are subject to the financial
16	responsibility requirements established under the Motor Carrier Act of
17	1980, the term, "motor vehicle insurance" includes coverage with
18	respect to environmental restoration. As used in this subsection the
19 20	term, "environmental restoration" means restitution for the loss,
20	damage, or destruction of natural resources arising out of the
21	accidental discharge, dispersal, release, or escape into or upon the
22 23	land, atmosphere, water course watercourse, or body of water of any
23 24	commodity transported by a motor carrier. Environmental restoration includes the cost of removal and the cost of necessary measures taken
24 25	to minimize or mitigate damage to human health, the natural
23 26	environment, fish, shellfish, and wildlife.
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28	SECTION 2. G.S. 104E-10.1 reads as rewritten:
29	"§ 104E-10.1. Additional requirements for low-level radioactive waste facilities.

(Public)

1 (a) An applicant for a permit for a low-level radioactive facility shall satisfy the 2 department Department that:

- 3 (1) Any low-level radioactive waste facility heretofore constructed or 4 operated by the applicant (or any parent or subsidiary corporation if 5 the applicant is a corporation) has been operated in accordance with 6 sound waste management practices and in substantial compliance with 7 federal and state laws and regulations; and
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(2) The applicant (or any parent or subsidiary corporation if the applicant is a corporation) is financially qualified to operate the subject low-level radioactive waste facility.

11 The approval of a permit shall be contingent upon the applicant first satisfying the 12 department\_Department that he the applicant has met the above two requirements. In 13 order to continue to hold a license-permit under this Chapter, a licensee the permittee 14 must remain financially qualified, and must provide any information requested by the 15 Department to show that he the permittee continues to be financially qualified.

Each permit applicant or permit holder (or or any parent or subsidiary 16 (b) 17 corporation if the permit applicant or permit holder is a corporation, corporation, as a 18 condition of receiving or holding a permit, shall have an independent annual audit by a 19 firm of duly licensed certified public accountants carrying a minimum of five million 20 dollars (\$5,000,000) professional liability insurance coverage, proof of which coverage 21 shall be provided with the issuance of the audit report. Each permit applicant or permit 22 holder referred to above shall also provide the Department of Environment and Natural 23 Resources with a copy of the report and shall submit a copy of the report to the State 24 Auditor for approval regarding its adequacy and completeness. As a minimum, the 25 required report shall include the financial statements prepared in accordance with 26 generally accepted accounting principles, all disclosures in the public interest required 27 by law, and the auditor's opinion and comments relating to the financial statements. The 28 audit shall be performed in conformity with generally accepted auditing standards.

29 Within 10 days of receiving an application for a license permit or an (c) 30 amendment to a license-permit to operate a low-level radioactive waste facility, the 31 Department shall notify the clerk of the board of commissioners of the county or 32 counties in which the facility is proposed to be located or is located, and, if the facility 33 is to be located or is located within a city, the clerk of the governing board of the city, 34 that the application has been filed, and shall file a copy of the application with the clerk. 35 Prior to issuing a license-permit or an amendment to an existing license-permit, the 36 Secretary of the Department or his the Secretary's designee shall conduct a public 37 hearing in the county, or in one of the counties, in which a person proposes to operate a 38 low-level radioactive waste facility or to enlarge an existing facility. The Secretary shall 39 give notice of the hearing at least 30 days prior to the date thereof by:

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(1) Publication in a newspaper or newspapers having general circulation in the county or counties where the facility is to be located for three consecutive weeks beginning 30 days prior to the scheduled date of the hearing; and

1	(2) First along mail to persons who have requested such notice. The
1	(2) First class mail to persons who have requested such notice. The Department shall maintain a mailing list of persons who request notice
2 3	pursuant to this subsection."
4	SECTION 3. G.S. 120-70.36 reads as rewritten:
5	"§ 120-70.36. Staffing.
6	The Legislative Services Officer shall assign as staff to the Joint Select Committee
7	professional employees of the General Assembly, as approved by the Legislative
8	Services Commission. Clerical staff shall be assigned to the Joint Select Committee
9	through the offices of the Supervisor of Clerks of the Senate and Supervisor of Clerks of
10	the House of Representatives Directors of Legislative Assistants of the Senate and
11	House of Representatives. The expenses of employment of clerical staff shall be borne
12	by the Joint Select Committee."
13	SECTION 4. G.S. 120-70.46 reads as rewritten:
14	"§ 120-70.46. Staffing.
15	The Legislative Services Officer shall assign as staff to the Environmental Review
16	Commission professional employees of the General Assembly, as approved by the
17	Legislative Services Commission. Clerical staff shall be assigned to the Environmental
18	Review Commission through the offices of the Supervisor of Clerks of the Senate and
19	Supervisor of Clerks of the House of Representatives Directors of the Legislative
20	Assistants of the Senate and House of Representatives. The expenses of employment of
21	clerical staff shall be borne by the Environmental Review Commission."
22	SECTION 5. G.S. 120-70.65 reads as rewritten:
23 24	"§ 120-70.65. Staffing.
24 25	The Legislative Services Officer shall assign as staff to the Commission professional
23 26	employees of the General Assembly, as approved by the Legislative Services Commission. Clerical staff shall be assigned to the Commission through the Offices of
20 27	the Supervisor of Clerks of the Senate and Supervisor of Clerks of the House of
28	Representatives of the Directors of Legislative Assistants of the Senate and
20 29	<u>House of Representatives</u> . The expenses of employment of clerical staff shall be borne
30	by the Commission."
31	<b>SECTION 6.</b> G.S. 130A-294(f) reads as rewritten:
32	"(f) Within 10 days of receiving an application for a permit or for an amendment
33	to an existing permit for a hazardous waste facility, the Department shall notify the
34	clerk of the board of commissioners of the county or counties in which the facility is
35	proposed to be located or is located and, if the facility is proposed to be located or is
36	located within a city, the clerk of the governing board of the city, that the application
37	has been filed, and shall file a copy of the application with the clerk. Prior to the
38	issuance of a permit or an amendment of an existing permit the Secretary or his-the
39	Secretary's designee shall conduct a public hearing in the county, or in one of the
40	counties in which the hazardous waste facility is proposed to be located or is located.
41	The Secretary or his the Secretary's designee shall give notice of the hearing, and the
42	public hearing shall be in accordance with applicable federal regulations adopted
43	pursuant to RCRA and with Chapter 150B of the General Statutes. Where the provisions

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1	of the federal regulations and Chapter 150B of the General Statutes are inconsistent, the
2	federal regulations shall apply."
3	SECTION 7. G.S. 143-215.74 reads as rewritten:
4	"§ 143-215.74. Agriculture cost share program.
5	(a) There is created the Agriculture Cost Share Program for Nonpoint Source
6	Pollution Control. The program shall be created, implemented, and supervised by the
7	Soil and Water Conservation Commission.
8	(b) The program shall be subject to the following requirements and limitations:
9	(1) The purpose of the program shall be to reduce the input of agricultural
10	nonpoint source pollution into the water courses watercourses of the
11	State.
12	(2) The program shall initially include the present 16 nutrient sensitive
13	watershed counties and 17 additional counties.
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15	<b>SECTION 8.</b> G.S. 160A-479.7(a) reads as rewritten:
16	"(a) The charter may confer on the regional sports authority any or all of the
17	following powers:
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19	(16) To study and plan for new and improved major regional sports and
20	recreational facilities including but not limited to arenas, stadia,
21	gymnasia, natatoria, pitches, fields, water courseswatercourses, and
22	other areas for the conduct of sports and recreational activities. These
23	facilities should be of such sizes and in such locations that they will be
24	adequate to serve the population of the entire jurisdiction of the
25	authority (and beyond) to the extent possible;
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27	<b>SECTION 9.</b> Section 12.7(d) of S.L. 2006-66 reads as rewritten:
28	<b>"DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE/REPORT ON AGRIBUSINESS FUNDS</b>
29	<b>SECTION 12.7.(d)</b> The Department shall submit the report to the House
30	Appropriations Committee Subcommittee on Environment, Health, and Natural and
31	Economic Resources, the Senate Appropriations Committee on Natural and Economic
32	Resources, and the Fiscal Research Division no later than May 1, 2007."
33	<b>SECTION 10.</b> Section 2 of S.L. 2006-139 reads as rewritten:
34 25	" <b>SECTION 2.</b> The Commissioner of Agriculture shall file a report no later than 31 Marsh of each user with the Chairs of the House of Berragentatives Appropriations
35	March of each year with the Chairs of the House of Representatives <u>Appropriations</u>
36 37	Subcommittee on Natural and Economic Resources and Senate Appropriations
	<u>Subcommittees</u> On Natural and Economic Resources, the Chair of the House
38 30	of Representatives Agriculture Committee, and the Chair of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Environment and Natural Pasources which shall include the following:
39 40	Agriculture, Environment, and Natural Resources which shall include the following:
40 41	(1) The short- and long-term problems associated with maintaining a viable dairy industry in the State.
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42 43	<ul> <li>(2) Ways to sustain the existing dairy industry in the State.</li> <li>(3) Opportunities to expand the dairy industry, including attracting both</li> </ul>
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1	(4) The contribution of dairy farms to the maintenance of prime
2	agricultural land and the quality of life in the State.
3	(5) An analysis of the effectiveness of the Dairy Stabilization and Growth
4	Program in achieving the goals of maintaining a local supply of fresh
5	milk for processing and consumption, facilitating the entry of young
6	farmers into the dairy industry, and preserving green space along the
7	urban fringe.
8	(6) Other factors that impact the dairy industry in the State."
9	SECTION 11. This act is effective when it becomes law.