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HOUSE BILL 505
Committee Substitute Favorable 5/6/13
Senate Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources Committee Substitute Adopted
6/4/13

Short Title: Extend DSWC Animal Waste Inspections. (Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

April 3, 2013

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO CODIFY AND MAKE PERMANENT THE PROGRAM FOR INSPECTIONS
3 OF CERTAIN ANIMAL OPERATIONS BY THE DIVISION OF SOIL AND WATER
4 CONSERVATION.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 143-215.10F reads as rewritten:

7 "**§ 143-215.10F. Inspections.**

8 (a) ~~The~~ Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, the Division shall conduct
9 inspections of all animal operations that are subject to a permit under G.S. 143-215.10C at least
10 once a year to determine whether the system is causing a violation of water quality standards
11 and whether the system is in compliance with its animal waste management plan or any other
12 condition of the permit.

13 (b) As an alternative to the inspection program set forth in subsection (a) of this section,
14 the Division of Soil and Water Conservation of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer
15 Services shall conduct inspections of all animal operations that are subject to a permit under
16 G.S. 143-215.10C at least once a year to determine whether the system is causing a violation of
17 water quality standards and whether the system is in compliance with its animal waste
18 management plan or any other condition of the permit. The alternative inspection program shall
19 be located in up to four counties selected using the criteria set forth in Section 15.4(a) of S.L.
20 1997-443, as amended, as it existed prior to its expiration. The Department of Agriculture and
21 Consumer Services shall establish procedures whereby resources within the local Soil and
22 Water Conservation Districts serving the counties are used for quick response to complaints
23 and reported problems previously referred only to the Division of Water Quality."

24 **SECTION 2.** The Department of Environment and Natural Resources and the
25 Division of Soil and Water Conservation of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer
26 Services shall continue and transition the inspection program and practices required by and
27 developed pursuant to Section 15.4(a) of S.L. 1997-443, as it existed prior to its expiration, into
28 the inspection program and practices required by G.S. 143-215.10F, as amended by Section 1
29 of this act, including the counties in which the alternative inspection program is conducted.

30 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective June 30, 2013.

