

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2013

SENATE BILL 639  
RATIFIED BILL

AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE AUTHORITY OF THE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE OVER  
PLANTS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** Article 36 of Chapter 106 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

**"§ 106-421.1. Authority of Board of Agriculture to regulate plants.**

The Board of Agriculture shall have the sole authority to prohibit the planting, cultivation, harvesting, disposal, handling, or movement of plants as defined in G.S. 106-202.12. This section shall not prevent the designation of plants as noxious aquatic weeds pursuant to Article 15 of Chapter 113A of the General Statutes, nor shall it prevent the adoption or enforcement of city or county ordinances regulating the appearance of property or the handling and collection of solid waste."

**SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2013.

s/ Philip E. Berger  
President Pro Tempore of the Senate

s/ Thom Tillis  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Pat McCrory  
Governor

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ .m. this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013

