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SENATE BILL 513: North Carolina Farm Act of 2015, Sec. 10: Establish Marking and Notice Requirements for Meteorological Towers

Committee:
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SUMMARY: *Sec. 10 of S.L. 2015-263 requires meteorological towers between 50 and 200 feet high to be marked and painted such that they are visible during daylight hours from a distance of at least 2,000 feet. The towers must be painted in alternating bands of orange and white, have a marker ball attached to the top third of each guy wire, and have a seven-foot long safety sleeve at each anchor point. Any person constructing a meteorological tower must also register with the Department of Transportation (DOT), provide the location and height of the proposed tower, and pay a \$350 registration fee. DOT must develop and maintain a database of these towers by January 1, 2017, and make the database available on its Web site. The Secretary of Transportation may assess a \$10,000 penalty against any person who violates either the marking or notice requirements. Towers existing on January 1, 2017, are grandfathered and not subject to the requirements of this section.*

This section becomes effective January 1, 2017, and applies to meteorological towers erected on or after that date.

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