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SENATE BILL 513: North Carolina Farm Act of 2015, Sec. 19: Exempt Certain Wetlands Mitigation Activities from Requirements under the Sedimentation Pollution Control Act

Committee:
Introduced by:
Analysis of: Sec. 19 of S.L. 2015-263

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SUMMARY: *Sec. 19 of S.L. 2015-263 exempts from the Sedimentation Pollution Control Act activities undertaken to restore the wetland functions of converted wetlands to provide compensatory mitigation to offset impacts permitted under Section 404 of the federal Clean Water Act, and activities undertaken voluntarily to restore the wetland functions of converted wetlands.*

This section became effective September 30, 2015.

BILL ANALYSIS: Section 19 of S.L. 2015-263 exempts from the Sedimentation Pollution Control Act activities undertaken to restore the wetland functions of converted wetlands to provide compensatory mitigation to offset impacts permitted under Section 404 of the federal Clean Water Act, and activities undertaken voluntarily to restore the wetland functions of converted wetlands.

Under existing law, sedimentation and erosion control plans approved by DENR or a local government are required for land-disturbing activities that affect more than one acre of land. There are several exemptions from these requirements, including activities related to agriculture and forestry.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This section became effective September 30, 2015.

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