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SENATE BILL 770: North Carolina Farm Act of 2016, Sec. 2: Authorize the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to Appoint and Deploy Agricultural Emergency Response Teams in Agricultural Emergencies

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OVERVIEW: *Sec. 2 of S.L. 2016-113 authorizes the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (DACS) to appoint and deploy agricultural emergency response teams (AERTs) to respond to agricultural emergencies. AERTs are employees of DACS and personnel operating with DACS as a contracted service, whom the Commissioner of Agriculture designates to respond to agricultural emergencies. AERTs have the same immunity from liability in responding to agricultural emergencies as other emergency response agencies covered by the North Carolina Emergency Management Act. DACS is authorized to use any unrestricted funds available to it that have been allocated by the General Assembly from the General Fund.*

This section became effective July 26, 2016.

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