



SENATE BILL 606: Prioritize Native NC Plants on Highway ROW.

2019-2020 General Assembly

Committee:		Date:	December 30, 2019
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Analysis of:	S.L. 2019-148		Staff Attorney

OVERVIEW: *S.L. 2019-148 amends the Department of Transportation's authority to plant trees and other vegetation in the highway right-of-way by directing the Department to select acceptable plants with a strong preference for those that are native to North Carolina.*

The act became effective July 22, 2019.

CURRENT LAW: The Department of Transportation has the authority to select and plant trees, shrubs, and other vegetation in the highway right-of-way to promote erosion control and for landscaping and general protection of the highways.

BILL ANALYSIS: This act amends the Department's authority to select and plant trees and other vegetation in the highway right-of-way by directing the Department to select and plant "acceptable" trees and other vegetation. Acceptable is defined in the act as plants the Department determines will maintain a stable and aesthetic roadside, with a strong preference for native North Carolina plants.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The act became effective July 22, 2019.

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