



2021-2022 General Assembly

# SENATE BILL 762: North Carolina Farm Act of 2022, Sec. 1: Clarify the Applicability of the Farm Building Exception to the Building Code

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<b>Committee:</b>		<b>Date:</b>	July 28, 2022
<b>Introduced by:</b>		<b>Prepared by:</b>	Chris Saunders Staff Attorney
<b>Analysis of:</b>	Sec. 1 of S.L. 2022-55		

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**OVERVIEW:** *Section 1 of S.L. 2022-55 provides that a building used primarily for storage of agricultural commodities or products, or storage and use of materials for agricultural purposes, is considered a farm building for purposes of the North Carolina Building Code, regardless of whether the building is located on the same property where the agricultural commodities or products were produced. The building must be surrounded by at least 60 feet of open space and be placarded as "Ag Exempt."*

*This section became effective July 8, 2022.*

## CURRENT LAW AND BILL ANALYSIS:

**Section 1** of S.L. 2022-55 provides that a building used primarily for the storage of agricultural commodities or products, or storage and use of materials for agricultural purposes, is considered a farm building for purposes of the North Carolina Building Code, regardless of whether the building is located on the same property where the agricultural commodities or products were produced. A qualifying building must be surrounded and adjoined by public ways and yards, as defined in the 2018 Building Code, of at least 60 feet in width. The front of the building must also be placarded with as "Ag Exempt" with a placard of at least two feet by two feet in size, with a red background, white reflective stripes, and a white reflective border.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This section of the act became effective July 8, 2022.

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