



SENATE BILL 582: North Carolina Farm Act of 2023, Sec. 12: Establish Forestry Services and Advice Fund

2023-2024 General Assembly

Committee:		Date:	November 30, 2023
Introduced by:		Prepared by:	Chris Saunders Staff Attorney
Analysis of:	Sec. 12 of S.L. 2023-63		

OVERVIEW: Section 12 of S.L. 2023-63 establishes the Forestry Services and Advice Fund (Fund) as a special fund within the North Carolina Forest Service. Moneys paid to the Commissioner of Agriculture (Commissioner) for the provision of forestry services and advice for landowners are deposited into the Fund. The Fund will be used to develop, improve, repair, maintain, operate, and otherwise invest in providing forestry services and advice to owners and operators of forestland.

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This section became effective June 27, 2023.

BILL ANALYSIS:

Prior to enactment of this section, moneys paid to the Commissioner for the provision of forestry services and advice for landowners were deposited into the State treasury to the credit of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. These services include:

- Designating, upon request, forest trees of forest landowners and forest operators for sale or removal.
- Measuring and estimating the volume of forest trees for sale or removal.
- Making available forestry services consisting of specialized equipment and operators, or by renting such equipment.
- Performing such labor and services as can be necessary to carry out approved forestry practices, including site preparation, forest planting, prescribed burning, and other appropriate forestry practices.

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