



SENATE BILL 582: North Carolina Farm Act of 2023, Sec. 15: Clarify Definition of Wetlands

2023-2024 General Assembly

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Analysis of:	Sec. 15 of S.L. 2023-63		

OVERVIEW: Section 15 of S.L. 2023-63 directs the Environmental Management Commission (EMC) to implement 15A NCAC 02B .0202 consistent with the pre-2019 definition of "wetlands" restricting those waters to only those waters of the United States as defined by 33 C.F.R. § 328.2 and 40 C.F.R. § 230.2, and readopt its rule consistent with that implementation. The rule must also specify that wetlands do not include prior converted cropland, consistent with the existing rule.

This bill was vetoed by the Governor on June 23, 2023, and that veto was overridden by the General Assembly on June 27, 2023.

This section became effective June 27, 2023.

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