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HOUSE BILL 251: Various Disaster Recovery Reforms, Sec. 8: Historic Flood Building Code Exemption (Vegetative Debris)

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Section 8 of S.L. 2025-18 (House Bill 251) requires the Department of Environmental Quality, the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (DACS), and units of local government, as applicable, to waive all of the following requirements, to the extent the requirements are State or local in origin and not otherwise required to satisfy federal law, as they may apply to activities to process tree stumps and other vegetative debris into mulch or soil amendments in the counties designated before, on, or after the effective date of this act under a major disaster declaration by the President of the United States due to Hurricane Helene:

- Solid waste composting rules for Type 1 facilities.
- Stormwater and sedimentation and erosion control requirements.
- Air quality permit requirements for vegetative debris processing equipment.
- Soil amendment or compost product registration required by DACS.
- State Fire Code limitations on mulch pile storage.

This section became effective June 26, 2025, and expires July 1, 2027.

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