



2025-2026 General Assembly

# HOUSE BILL 251: Various Disaster Recovery Reforms, Sec. 9: Historic Flood Event Building Code Exemption (Composting)

**Analysis of:** S.L. 2025-18, Sec. 9

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Section 9 of S.L. 2025-18 (House Bill 251) requires units of local government in Helene-affected counties managing vegetative debris removal within their jurisdictions to transport that material to a composting site for reuse as mulch or soil amendment when the transportation and disposal costs for processing tree stumps and other vegetative material at a composting site are equal to or less than transporting and disposing of the material at a landfill.

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

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