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SENATE BILL 401: NC Farm Act of 2025-2026, Sec. 21: Eliminate The Shellfish Cultivation Lease Review Committee

Analysis of: S.L. 2026-11, Sec. 21

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Section 21 of S.L. 2026-11 (Senate Bill 401) repeals the Shellfish Cultivation Lease Review Committee, allowing any person aggrieved by a decision regarding a shellfish cultivation lease to proceed directly to a contested case before the Office of Administrative Hearings.

This section became effective June 22, 2026, and applies to contested cases filed on or after that date. Any cases pending before the Shellfish Cultivation Lease Review Committee on June 22, 2026, may have been refiled as a contested case by filing a petition before the Office of Administrative Hearings by July 22, 2026.

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