



2025-2026 General Assembly

SENATE BILL 401: NC Farm Act of 2025-2026, Sec. 19: Exempt Buildings Used for Production of Agricultural Products Derived from Animal Waste from Building Code and County Zoning

Analysis of: S.L. 2026-11, Sec. 19

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Section 19 of S.L. 2026-11 (Senate Bill 401) does all of the following:

- Provides that a building or structure used solely for the production of agricultural products and commodities derived from animal waste, including fertilizers and biogas, is a bona fide farm purpose exempt from county zoning.
- Reorganizes the existing uses specifically set out as bona fide farm purposes into an enumerated list.
- Exempts buildings used solely for the production of agricultural products and commodities derived from animal waste, including fertilizers and biogas, from the building code, provided the building:
 - Is surrounded and adjoined by open space of not less than 60 feet in width.
 - Has a posted reflective placard of at least 24 by 24 inches displaying "Ag. Exempt".

This section became effective July 1, 2026.

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