

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NUMBER: Senate Bill 1302

SHORT TITLE: Swine Integrator Register Growers

SPONSOR(S): Senator Odom

FISCAL IMPACT

Yes (x) No () No Estimate Available ()

FY 1998-99 FY 1999-00 FY 2000-01 FY 2001-02 FY 2002-03

EXPENDITURES Minimal Fiscal Impact Beginning with FY 1999-00

POSITIONS:

PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) &

PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED: Department of Environment and Natural Resources,
Division of Water Quality

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 1999

BILL SUMMARY: *TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGISTRATION OF SWINE FARMS ASSOCIATED WITH SWINE OPERATION INTEGRATORS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW COMMISSION.* Adds new GS 143-215.10H, defining “swine operator integrator” as person, other than person with permit for animal waste management system for swine farm, who provides 250 or more animals to swine farm and who either has ownership interest in animals or otherwise establishes management and production standards for permit holder for maintenance, care, and raising of animals. Requires such integrators to register each swine farm for which person is an integrator with Department of Environment and Natural Resources within 30 days after initial placement of animals with farm. Sets out information required in registration. Also requires integrators to notify DENR of termination of relationship with farm. Requires DENR to notify integrator of all violations of law and rules regarding animal waste management systems at swine farms registered to that integrator or at farms at which person contemplates becoming an integrator.¹

¹ *Daily Bulletin*, Institute of Government, UNC-Chapel Hill, Vol. 1998, No. 18, May 25, 1998.

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:

The activities required by this bill will be implemented by staff in the Division of Water Quality located in both the Raleigh central office and the department's seven regional offices.

Based on 1997 violations data for swine farm operations, the Division of Water Quality anticipates sending up to 1,000 letters of notification annually to swine integrators. Such notifications are typically sent by certified mail at cost of \$2.77 per letter. Therefore, the annual postage cost associated with this act is expected to be \$2,770.

In addition, the division expects to employ temporary office support as needed in the central and regional offices to help process the violation disclosure notices, as well as maintain information on integrator registrations and contract terminations. The division estimates that temporary office support will be needed 2 days (16 hours) per month at a cost of \$10.00 per hour, or \$1,920 annually.

The total cost to implement this act, including postage, temporary services and supplies, is estimated to be approximately \$5,000.00 per year, beginning with the 1999-2000 fiscal year.

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS:

none

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