GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 1999

SESSION LAW 1999-356
SENATE BILL 7

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE POSTING OF DIRECTIONAL SIGNS TO AGRICULTURAL MARKETING AND PROCESSING FACILITIES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Article 1 of Chapter 106 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"**§ 106-22.5. Agricultural tourism signs.**

(a) The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall provide directional signs on major highways at or in reasonable proximity to the nearest interchange or within one mile leading to an agricultural facility that promotes tourism by providing tours and on-site sales or samples of North Carolina agricultural products to area tourists.

(b) An agricultural facility must be open for business at least four days a week, 10 months of the year in order to qualify for the directional signs provided for in this section. The Department shall assess the facility the actual reasonable costs of the sign and its installation."

Section 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 20th day of July, 1999.

s/ Dennis A. Wicker
President of the Senate

s/ James B. Black
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ James B. Hunt, Jr.
Governor

Approved 9:50 p.m. this 22nd day of July, 1999