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SENATE BILL 654

Short Title: Fees/Milk Processors.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Harris.

Referred to: Finance.

March 27, 1989

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO SUPPORT THE NORTH CAROLINA GRADE "A" MILK SANITATION PROGRAM THROUGH THE COLLECTION OF ANNUAL FEES FROM OPERATORS OF MILK PROCESSING PLANTS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Article 8 of Chapter 130A of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

**"§ 130A-280. Fees applicable to operators of Grade "A" processing plants.**

(a) For the purpose of defraying expenses incurred in administering and enforcing this Part, the Department is authorized to collect an annual fee from each person operating a Grade "A" processing plant in this State. The annual fee for each operator for fiscal year 1989-90 shall be one-half cent (1/2¢) per gallon. The annual fee for each operator for succeeding fiscal years shall be determined by multiplying the number of gallons processed by the operator in the prior fiscal year by the quotient obtained when dividing the anticipated current-year statewide expenditures for this program by the total number of gallons of milk processed in the State during the prior fiscal year. Fees established under this section shall be paid no later than September 30 for the fiscal year beginning July 1 of the same year.

(b) All fees collected under this section shall be deposited in a separate fund within the Office of State Budget and shall be used to pay the cost of administering and enforcing this Part.

(c) Authorized representatives of the Department shall have the right of entry upon the premises of milk processing plants operated in this State, and shall have the

1 authority to inspect business records reflecting Grade "A" milk processing and  
2 production levels."

3           Sec. 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1989.