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SENATE BILL 731

Short Title: Fertilizer Packaging Nutrient Guarantees.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Albertson.

Referred to: Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources.

April 3, 2003

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO INCREASE THE SIZE OF PACKAGES OF FERTILIZER THAT MAY
2 BE SOLD WITH NUTRIENT GUARANTEES STATED IN FRACTIONAL
3 PERCENTAGES AND TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE TO
4 ADOPT TEMPORARY RULES IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH RENTAL RATES
5 FOR THE USE OF FACILITIES OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF
6 AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES.

7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 106-659 reads as rewritten:

9 **"§ 106-659. Minimum plant food content.**

10 ~~Superphosphate~~ Except as provided in this section, ~~superphosphate~~ containing less
11 than eighteen percent (18%) available phosphate, or any mixed fertilizer in which the
12 guarantees for the nitrogen, available phosphate, or soluble potash are in fractional
13 percentages shall not be offered for sale, sold, or distributed in this State; ~~provided,~~
14 ~~however, packages~~ State. Packages of ~~16-32~~ fluid ounces or less when in liquid form, or
15 ~~1632~~ ounces or less avoirdupois when in a dry form, may be sold in fractional
16 percentages, but ~~such~~ these packages are not exempt from any other requirements of this
17 Article."
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19 **SECTION 2.** Pursuant to G.S. 106-6.1, the Board of Agriculture may adopt
20 temporary and permanent rules to establish rental rates for the use of farmers markets
21 and agriculture centers operated by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer
22 Services.

23 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law. The authority of the
24 Board of Agriculture to adopt temporary rules under Section 2 of this act expires 1
25 March 2004.