

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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HOUSE BILL 1052

Short Title: Hog Farms/Methane Gas.

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Sponsors: Representatives Tucker; Faison, Luebke, and Wray.

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Referred to: Energy and Energy Efficiency, if favorable, Public Utilities.

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1                                   A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT REQUIRING ELECTRIC POWER SUPPLIERS TO PURCHASE  
3 ELECTRIC POWER FROM FACILITIES THAT USE HOG WASTE TO  
4 GENERATE ELECTRICITY.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6                   **SECTION 1.** Article 7 of Chapter 62 of the General Statutes is amended by  
7 adding the following new section to read:

8 **"§ 62-133.7. Pilot program for renewable energy from hog waste.**

9       (a) The following definitions apply in this section:

10           (1) Electric power supplier. – A public utility, an electric membership  
11           corporation, or a municipality that sells electric power to retail electric  
12           power customers in the State.

13           (2) Hog farm facility. – A facility that generates electric power by using  
14           hog waste and whose electric power is available for purchase by an  
15           electric power supplier on or before December 1, 2012.

16       (b) The electric power suppliers in the State in the aggregate shall be required to  
17       purchase all electricity generated by hog farm facilities located within the State up to a  
18       total amount of 25 megawatts per year and at a price of no more than eighteen cents  
19       (18¢) per kilowatt hour for a period of seven years, which shall begin to run on the date  
20       the hog farm facility begins generating electric power for commercial use. After a  
21       period of seven years, an electric power supplier shall not be required to purchase  
22       electricity generated by a hog farm facility at a rate that exceeds the avoided cost rate of  
23       the electric power supplier.

24       (c) All costs incurred by an electric power supplier in complying with the  
25       provisions of this section shall be considered fuel costs and may be recovered as  
26       authorized by G.S. 62-133.2."

27           **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.