

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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SENATE BILL 521

Short Title: Alt. Disposal of Biodegradable Ag Plastics. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator B. Jackson (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

March 30, 2015

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO EXCLUDE THE BURNING OF CERTAIN AGRICULTURAL PLASTICS  
3 FROM OPEN BURNING PERMITTING REQUIREMENTS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 106-950(a) reads as rewritten:

6 "(a) This Article shall not apply and no air quality permit shall be required for any of the  
7 following:

8 (1) ~~to any~~ Any fires started, or caused to be started, within 100 feet of an  
9 occupied dwelling house if such fire shall be confined (i) within an enclosure  
10 from which burning material may not escape or (ii) within a protected area  
11 upon which a watch is being maintained and which is provided with  
12 adequate fire protection equipment.

13 (2) The burning of polyethylene agricultural plastic used in connection with  
14 agricultural operations related to the growing, harvesting, or maintenance of  
15 crops, when the plastic cannot be feasibly recycled, and the burning does not  
16 create a public nuisance or result in a significant and adverse impact on  
17 public health or the environment."

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

