



2023-2024 General Assembly

SENATE BILL 582: North Carolina Farm Act of 2023, Sec. 5.4: Establish a Voluntary Assessment for Grade "A" Dairy Producers

Committee:
Introduced by:
Analysis of: Sec. 5.4 of S.L. 2023-63

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OVERVIEW: Section 5.4 of S.L. 2023-63 authorizes the North Carolina Dairy Producers Association to conduct a referendum among dairy producers on the question of levying an assessment not to exceed five cents per hundredweight of milk. If more than half the votes cast in the assessment are in favor, the assessment would be collected by milk handlers or dairy cooperatives, or would be paid directly by dairy producers who do not use the services of a milk handler or dairy cooperative. The funds collected would be used to promote the interests of the dairy industry via research and marketing related to dairy products and the dairy industry. A dairy producer would be able to request a refund of the assessment.

This bill was vetoed by the Governor on June 23, 2023, and that veto was overridden by the General Assembly on June 27, 2023.

This section became effective June 27, 2023.

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