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SENATE BILL DRS35040-TQ-12

Short Title: Ag Disaster Fund/Certain Counties. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Sawyer, Ballard, and B. Jackson (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO EXTEND THE DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR THE HURRICANE FLORENCE  
3 AGRICULTURAL DISASTER PROGRAM OF 2018 FOR CERTAIN COUNTIES THAT  
4 RECEIVED A PRESIDENTIAL OR SECRETARIAL DISASTER DECLARATION AS A  
5 RESULT OF HURRICANE MICHAEL AFTER THE ORIGINAL DEADLINE.  
6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:  
7 **SECTION 1.** Notwithstanding the deadline set forth in Section 5.11(e) of S.L.  
8 2018-136, as amended by S.L. 2018-141, a person who experienced a verifiable loss of  
9 agricultural commodities as a result of Hurricane Michael, and whose farm is located in a North  
10 Carolina county that, between January 31, 2019, and February 15, 2019, was (i) designated under  
11 a major disaster declaration by the President of the United States under the Stafford Act (P.L.  
12 93-288) as a result of Hurricane Michael or (ii) included in either a Secretarial Disaster  
13 Declaration for Hurricane Michael issued by the United States Secretary of Agriculture or the  
14 Presidential Federal Emergency Management Agency Declaration for Hurricane Michael, is  
15 eligible for financial assistance for losses of agricultural commodities pursuant to Section 5.11  
16 of S.L. 2018-136.  
17 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law. The Department shall accept  
18 completed applications from people eligible for financial assistance pursuant to Section 1 of this  
19 act for no more than 10 consecutive business days on which the federal government is not  
20 partially or fully shut down, beginning on the effective date of this act. This act shall expire on  
21 the date the Department has processed all applications validly received during this period.

