

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**SENATE BILL 1210**

Short Title: Study Winery Wastewater Management.

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Sponsors: Senator Horton.

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Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND  
3 NATURAL RESOURCES, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE DEPARTMENT  
4 OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES, TO STUDY ISSUES  
5 RELATED TO AND OPTIONS FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF WASTEWATER  
6 GENERATED BY WINERIES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE  
7 ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW COMMISSION.

8 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

9       **SECTION 1.** The Department of Environment and Natural Resources shall  
10 study issues related to the management of wastewater generated by wineries. In  
11 conducting this study, the Department shall evaluate various options that may be  
12 available for the treatment and disposal of winery wastewater. Options to be considered  
13 include, but are not limited to, disposal of wastewater at an existing wastewater  
14 treatment facility either by connecting to a wastewater collection system or by pumping  
15 and hauling the wastewater, subsurface disposal of wastewater, and land application of  
16 wastewater using spray or drip irrigation. The evaluation shall consider the extent to  
17 which any treatment of wastewater may be necessary and appropriate setback  
18 requirements where land application is employed. The evaluation shall also consider  
19 the costs and permitting requirements, including fees charged by the State and local  
20 governments, associated with each option. In evaluating permitting requirements, the  
21 Department shall consider whether a general permit or a generic individual permit  
22 should be developed for any of the available wastewater management options. The  
23 Department shall report its findings and recommendations to the Environmental  
24 Management Commission and the Environmental Review Commission on or before 1  
25 January 2003.

26       **SECTION 2.** The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall  
27 provide assistance and advice to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources  
28 in the conduct of the study required by Section 1 of this act. The Department of  
29 Agriculture and Consumer Affairs shall provide information and assistance to winery

1 owners and prospective winery owners on request to enable them to better understand  
2 the advantages and disadvantages of the various options for wastewater management  
3 and how to comply with the permitting requirements associated with each option.

4 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.