GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2011

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Short Title:	Hog Lagoon Phase Out/Livestock Treatment.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Representatives Harrison and Luebke (Primary Sponsors).	
Referred to:		

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PHASE OUT TRADITIONAL ANIMAL WASTE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS THAT SERVE SWINE FARMS AND TO ESTABLISH MINIMUM HUMANE STANDARDS FOR THE TREATMENT OF COWS, POULTRY, AND SWINE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Section 1(b) of S.L. 2007-523 reads as rewritten:

"SECTION 1.(b) Continued Operation. Phaseout. — An animal waste management system that serves a swine farm for which a permit was issued prior to 1 September 2007 and that does not meet the requirements of G.S. 143-215.10I, as enacted by subsection (a) of this section, may continue to operate under, and shall operate in compliance with, that permit, including any renewal of the permit. permit, until the later of September 1, 2016, or 12 years from the date on which the animal waste management was first permitted or deemed permitted. The owner or operator of an animal waste management system that employs a lagoon and sprayfield system that is phased out pursuant to this act shall close all of the components of the animal waste management system in compliance with all applicable federal and State laws, regulations, and rules."

SECTION 2. Chapter 106 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new Article to read:

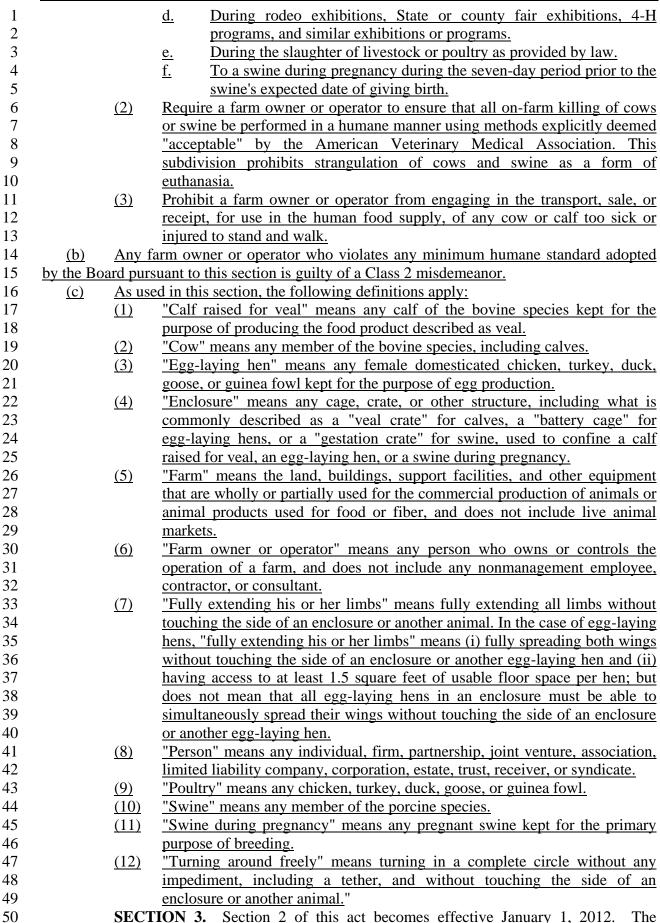
"Article 49I.

"Minimum Humane Standards for Certain Farm Animals.

"§ 106-549.99. Minimum standards to prevent the inhumane treatment of certain farm animals.

- (a) The Board of Agriculture, in consultation with the State Veterinarian, shall establish minimum humane standards for cows, poultry, and swine that, at a minimum, do all of the following:
 - (1) Prohibit a farm owner or operator from tethering or confining any calf raised for veal, egg-laying hen, or swine during pregnancy, on a farm, for all or the majority of any day, in a manner that prevents the animal from lying down, standing up, fully extending his or her limbs, or turning around freely. This subdivision does not apply to any of the following:
 - a. During scientific or agricultural research.
 - <u>b.</u> <u>During examination, testing, individual treatment, or operation for veterinary purposes.</u>
 - <u>c.</u> During transportation.





SECTION 3. Section 2 of this act becomes effective January 1, 2012. The remaining sections of this act are effective when this act becomes law.

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