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HOUSE BILL 378

Short Title: Amd. Criteria/Certain Ag. Cost-Share Pgms. (Public)

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE ALTERNATE FORMS OF DOCUMENTATION FOR
3 PARTICIPATION IN CERTAIN AGRICULTURAL COST-SHARE PROGRAMS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 106-850(b)(10) reads as rewritten:

6 "(10) To be eligible for cost share funds under this program, each applicant must
7 establish that he or she ~~is engaged in farming by providing any of the~~
8 ~~following to the Soil and Water Conservation Commission with his or her~~
9 ~~application:~~

- 10 a. ~~A copy of the farm owner's or operator's federal tax Schedule F~~
11 ~~(Form 1040) or an equivalent form for the most recent tax year~~
12 ~~showing the owner's or operator's profit or loss from farming.~~
13 b. ~~A copy of the farm's agricultural exemption certificate issued to the~~
14 ~~farm owner or operator by the Department of Revenue.~~
15 e. ~~For forestland actively engaged in the commercial growing of trees~~
16 ~~under a sound management program as defined in G.S. 105-277.2(6),~~
17 ~~a copy of the sound forest management plan described in~~
18 ~~G.S. 105-277.3(g), meets the definition of a bona fide farm as~~
19 ~~described by G.S. 153A-340(b)(2)."~~

20 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 139-60(c1) reads as rewritten:

21 "(c1) To be eligible for assistance under this program, each applicant must establish that
22 he or she ~~is engaged in farming by providing to the Soil and Water Conservation Commission~~
23 ~~with his or her application:~~

- 24 (1) ~~A copy of the farm owner's or operator's federal tax Schedule F (Form 1040)~~
25 ~~or an equivalent form for the most recent tax year showing the owner's or~~
26 ~~operator's profit or loss from farming.~~
27 (2) ~~A copy of the farm's agricultural exemption certificate issued to the farm~~
28 ~~owner or operator by the Department of Revenue.~~
29 (3) ~~For forestland actively engaged in the commercial growing of trees under a~~
30 ~~sound management program as defined in G.S. 105-277.2(6), a copy of the~~
31 ~~sound forest management plan described in G.S. 105-277.3(g), meets the~~
32 ~~definition of a bona fide farm as described by G.S. 153A-340(b)(2)."~~

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

