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HOUSE BILL 373\*

Short Title: Ag Disaster Fund/Excessive Rain & Flooding. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives McGrady and Henson (Primary Sponsors).

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Referred to: Agriculture, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

March 19, 2019

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO EXTEND THE DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR THE HURRICANE FLORENCE AGRICULTURAL DISASTER PROGRAM OF 2018 FOR CERTAIN COUNTIES THAT RECEIVED A PRESIDENTIAL OR SECRETARIAL DISASTER DECLARATION AS A RESULT OF EXCESSIVE RAIN AND FLOODING THAT OCCURRED DURING MAY 15, 2018, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2018, AFTER THE ORIGINAL DEADLINE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** Notwithstanding the deadline set forth in Section 5.11(e) of S.L. 2018-136, as amended by S.L. 2018-141, a person who experienced a verifiable loss of agricultural commodities as a result of excessive rain and flooding that occurred during May 15, 2018, through December 31, 2018, and whose farm is located in a North Carolina county that, between January 31, 2019, and February 15, 2019, was included in a Secretarial Disaster Declaration as a result of excessive rain and flooding that occurred during May 15, 2018, through December 31, 2018, issued by the United States Secretary of Agriculture, is eligible for financial assistance for losses of agricultural commodities pursuant to Section 5.11 of S.L. 2018-136.

**SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law. The Department shall accept completed applications from people eligible for financial assistance pursuant to Section 1 of this act for no more than 10 consecutive business days on which the federal government is not partially or fully shut down, beginning on the effective date of this act. This act shall expire on the date the Department has processed all applications validly received during this period.



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