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HOUSE BILL 1152

Short Title: Encourage Cover Crops/Insurance Subsidy. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Roberson.

For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site.

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

May 31, 2022

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PRESERVE FARMLAND AND WATER QUALITY BY ENACTING A CROP
INSURANCE PAYMENT SUBSIDY PROGRAM FOR FARMERS WHO ESTABLISH
COVER CROPS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1.(a) The sum of one million seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$1,750,000) in recurring funds is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to establish and fund a program within the Department's Division of Soil and Water Conservation to provide a subsidy of five dollars (\$5.00) per acre to crop insurance premium payments for farmers who plant cover crops. Funding under the program would be limited to farmers that meet both of the following criteria:

- (1) The establishment of the cover crop complies with best practices for establishment of cover crops established by the Division.
- (2) The acreage enrolled in the program is not a part of any other federal conservation program.

SECTION 1.(b) The Department shall consult with a working group of farmers, agricultural organizations, and conservation organizations in implementing the cover crop payment subsidy established by this section.

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2022.



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