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HOUSE BILL 1397

Short Title: Christmas Tree Use Value.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives G. Wilson; Albertson, Bowman, Brown, Buchanan, Culp, DeVane, Diamont, Flaherty, Jack Hunt, Sam Hunt, Isenhower, James, Kimsey, Lail, Ligon, Loflin, Lutz, Mercer, Mills, Privette, Robinson, Weatherly, and P. Wilson.

Referred to: Finance.

April 27, 1989

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE SPECIAL RULES FOR USE VALUE TAXATION OF
2 CHRISTMAS TREES.
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4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 Section 1. G.S. 105-277.3 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

6 "(e) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a), the one thousand dollar
7 (\$1,000) income requirement for horticultural land shall not apply to land used for the
8 production of evergreens intended for use as Christmas trees. On or before January 1,
9 1990, the Department of Revenue shall, upon the recommendation of the Use Value
10 Advisory Board, adopt rules for income requirements to be applied to such horticultural
11 land. The rules shall provide an equivalent income requirement taking into
12 consideration the initial five-year growth period before evergreens are ready to be
13 transplanted to the field, the six- to ten-year growth period after transplant before
14 evergreens are ready for harvest, normal variations in growth periods among trees
15 transplanted at the same time, and the income fluctuations that may result from these
16 lengthy and varied growth periods."

17 Sec. 2. This act is effective for taxable years beginning on or after January 1,
18 1990.