GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2005

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Short Title: Amend Forest Development Act.-AB

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Sponsors:	Senator Dalton.
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1			A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
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2			ES OF THE CURRENT FOREST DEVELOPMENT ACT.
4			Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
4 5			CTION 1. G.S. 113A-177 reads as rewritten:
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			Statement of purpose.
7	(a)		General Assembly finds that:
8		(1)	It is in the public interest of the State of North Carolina to encourage
9			the development of the State's forest resources and the protection and
10			improvement of the forest environment.
11		(2)	Unfavorable environmental impacts, although currently of a local and
12			sporadic nature, particularly the rapid loss of forest land to urban
13			development, are occurring as a result of forest operations. population
14			growth. It is in the State's interest that corrective action be developed
15			now to prevent more serious problems offset forest land losses in the
16			future.
17		(3)	Regeneration of potentially productive forest land is a high-priority
18			problem requiring prompt attention and action. Private forest land will
19			become more important to meet the needs of the State's population.
20		(4)	Growing demands on forests and related land resources cannot be met
21			by intensive management of public and industrial forest lands alone.
22	(b)	The	e purpose of this Article is to direct the Secretary of Environment and
23	Natural R	lesou	irces to implement a forest development program to:
24		(1)	Provide financial assistance to eligible landowners to increase the
25			productivity of the privately owned forests of the State through the
26			application of forest renewal practices; practices and other practices
27			that improve tree growth and overall forest health.

1 (2) Insure that forest operations in the State are conducted in a manner 2 designed to protect the soil, air, and water resources, including but not 3 limited to streams, lakes and estuaries through actions of landowners 4 on lands for which assistance is sought under provisions in this 5 Article;Article. 6 (3) Implement a program of voluntary landowner participation through the 7 use of a forest development fund to meet the above goals. 8 (c) It is the intent of the General Assembly that in implementing the program 9 under this Article, the Secretary will cause it to be coordinated with other related 10 programs in such a manner as to encourage the utilization of private agencies, firms and 11 individuals furnishing services and materials needed in the application of practices 11 included in the forest development program." 12 SECTION 2. G.S. 113A-178(2) reads as rewritten: 14 "(2) 'Approved practices' mean those silvicultural practices approved by the 15 Secretary for the purpose of commercially growing timber through the 16 establishment of forest stands, or of insuring maximum growth potential of 17 forest stands to commercial pro	1	(2) Insure that formations in the State and heated in a meaning
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