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SENATE BILL 546

Short Title: Unauthorized Use/Milk Crate.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Speed; Allran, Ballance, Basnight, Daughtry, Hardin, Martin of Pitt, Marvin, Murphy, Parnell, Plyler, Raynor, Sherron, Soles, and Taft.

Referred to: Agriculture.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNAUTHORIZED USE OR POSSESSION OF
Labeled Dairy Milk Cases or Crates Bearing the Name or
Label of Its Owner.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Article 16 of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 14-72.4. Unauthorized use or possession of labeled dairy milk cases or milk crates bearing the name or label of owner.

(a) A person is guilty of the unauthorized use or possession of a dairy milk case or milk crate if he:

(1) Takes, buys, receives, stores, sells, disposes of, uses, or otherwise possesses any dairy milk case or milk crate, bearing the name or label of the owner, without the express or implied consent of the owner or his designated agent; or

(2) Refuses upon demand of the owner or his designated agent to return to the owner or his designated agent any dairy milk case or milk crate, bearing the name or label of the owner; or

(3) Defaces, obliterates, erases, covers up, or otherwise removes or conceals any name, label, registered trademark, insignia, or other business identification of an owner of a dairy milk case or milk crate, for the purpose of destroying or removing from the milk case or milk crate evidence of its ownership.

1 **(b)** For purposes of this section dairy milk cases or milk crates shall be deemed to
2 bear a name or label of an owner when there is imprinted or attached on the case or
3 crate a name, insignia, mark, business identification or label showing ownership or
4 sufficient information to ascertain ownership.

5 **(c)** A violation of this section is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to
6 exceed three hundred dollars (\$300.00), imprisonment not to exceed six months, or
7 both, in the discretion of the court.

8 **(d)** Nothing in this section shall preclude the prosecution of any misdemeanor or
9 felony offense that is applicable under any other statute or common law."

10 Sec. 2. This act shall become effective January 1, 1990, and shall apply to
11 offenses occurring on or after that date.