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Press Release

Macon County Public Health Gives Environmental Health Legislative Update to Board of Health

Kyle Jennings, Macon County Public Health Environmental Health Section Administrator, presented a legislative update at the regularly scheduled Board of Health meeting on August 28, 2018. Several programs in Environmental Health were affected by laws recently passed by the North Carolina Legislature. They are as follows, listed by bill title:

HB 573: The setback between a single-family well and a non-saprolite septic system has been reduced to 50 feet from 100 feet. This was possible in some cases previously, but is always allowable now.

SB 711: Raw milk may be allowed to be sold for human consumption in North Carolina provided that the milk is sold to an individual who has purchased a share of the animal that produced the milk. Previously, raw milk was not allowed for sale for human consumption under any circumstances. Raw milk will still not be allowed in restaurants.

HB 374, Section 2: Temporary food establishments may be permitted to be open for as many as 45 days now, as opposed to 21 days previously.

HB 374, Section 9: Clarifications have been made to the septic permit extension act previously passed by the legislature.

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HB 374, Section 11: Clarification of several on-site wastewater rules in addition to a provision allowing licensed soil scientists to perform all work necessary for the issuance of a septic permit.

HB 374, Section 12: Allows any septic drainfield type that has been in use for five years in North Carolina to be permitted by the local health department.

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