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FARMING PRACTICES ON WETLANDS

House Bill 5352

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5352 AS INTRODUCED 10-29-01

The Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act allows, among others, farming, horticulture, silviculture, lumbering, and ranching activities to take place in a wetland without a permit. The allowable practices include plowing; irrigation; irrigation ditching; seeding; cultivating; minor drainage; harvesting for the production of food, fiber, and forest products; and upland soil and water conservation practices. Under the bill, the allowable practices would include, *but would not be limited to*, the practices listed above. In addition, the bill would also allow activities reasonably necessary to commence and continue farming or to bring land into agricultural production.

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