GOVERNOR ROY COOPER OBJECTIONS AND VETO MESSAGE:

Senate Bill 711, “AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE AGRICULTURAL LAWS.”

While agriculture is vital to North Carolina’s economy, so property rights are vital to people’s homes and other businesses.

North Carolina’s nuisance laws can help allow generations of families to enjoy their homes and land without fear for their health and safety. Those same laws stopped the Tennessee Valley Authority from pumping air pollution into our mountains.

Our laws must balance the needs of businesses versus property rights. Giving one industry special treatment at the expense of its neighbors is unfair.

Therefore, I veto the bill.

Roy Cooper
Governor

The bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina Senate on this the 25th day of June 2018, at 9:12 pm for reconsideration by that body.
 labeling requirement does not apply to raw milk or raw milk products dispensed for personal use or consumption to the independent or partial owner of a cow, goat, or other lactating animal.

(c) As used in this section, the term "sale" or "sold" shall mean any transaction that involves the transfer or dispensing of milk and milk products or the right to acquire milk and milk products through barter or contractual arrangement or in exchange for any other form of compensation including, but not limited to, the sale of shares or interest in a cow, goat, or other lactating animal or herd-compensation. The term "sale" or "sold" does not include the transfer or dispensing of raw milk or raw milk products to, or the right to acquire raw milk or raw milk products by, the independent or partial owner of a cow, goat, or other lactating animal.

(d) Nothing in this section shall prohibit the dispensing of raw milk or raw milk products for personal use or consumption to, or the acquisition of raw milk or raw milk products for personal use or consumption by, an independent or partial owner of a cow, goat, or other lactating animal."

SECTION 15.2.(b) This section becomes effective October 1, 2018.

SEVERABILITY CLAUSE AND EFFECTIVE DATE

SECTION 16.(a) If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and, to this end, the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 16.(b) Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 15th day of June, 2018.

[Signatures]

Philip E. Berger, President Pro Tempore
Presiding Officer of the Senate

Tim Moore
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Roy Cooper
Governor

Approved ___________m. this ___________ day of ___________, 2018

[Stamp: Received from Gov. June 25, 2018]

[Signature: Sarah Holland]