



CHAPTER 106  
ARTICLE 55 - NORTH CAROLINA BEE AND HONEY ACT OF 1977

N.C.G.S. § 106-644.

Penalties.

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**§ 106-644(a)** If anyone shall attempt to prevent inspection as provided in this Article or shall otherwise interfere with the Commissioner of Agriculture, or any of his agents, while engaging in the performance of his duties under this Article, or shall violate any provisions of this Article or any regulation of the Board of Agriculture adopted pursuant to this Article, he shall be guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor. Each day's violation shall constitute a separate offense.

**§ 106-644(b)** The Commissioner may assess a civil penalty of not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) against a person who violates this Article or a rule adopted to implement this Article. In determining the amount of the penalty, the Commissioner shall consider the degree and extent of harm caused by the violation. No civil penalty may be assessed under this section unless the person has been given the opportunity for a hearing pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act, Chapter 150B of the General Statutes. If not paid within 30 days after the effective date of a final decision by the Commissioner, the penalty may be collected by any lawful means for the collection of a debt.

The clear proceeds of civil penalties assessed pursuant to this subsection shall be remitted to the Civil Penalty and Forfeiture Fund in accordance with G.S. 115C-457.2.

END OF SECTION TEXT

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APPARATUS I  
5 ACTS

Amendment lineage

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| 1977                            |      | 1988                                   |           | 1998 |
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| Nº                              | YEAR | ACT                                    | CHARACTER |      |
| 01                              | 1977 | c. 238, s. 11                          | ENACTED   |      |
| 02                              | 1991 | c. 349, s. 2                           | AMENDED   |      |
| 03                              | 1993 | c. 539, s. 809                         | AMENDED   |      |
| 04                              | 1994 | Ex. Sess., c. 24, s. 14(c)             | AMENDED   |      |
| 05                              | 1998 | S.L. 1998-215, s. 20                   | AMENDED   |      |

## APPARATUS II

### 1 AUTHORITY

## Authorities referenced

Every G.S. cross-reference appearing in the text of this section, in order of first appearance. Nothing is characterized; the operative language is quoted from the section itself.

| REFERENCE       | APPEARS IN | OPERATIVE LANGUAGE IN THIS SECTION       |
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| G.S. 115C-457.2 | (b)        | "and Forfeiture Fund in accordance with" |

### APPARATUS III

## Citation

FULL SECTION

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 106-644 (1998).

## PINPOINT

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 106-644(a) (1998).

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