

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**HOUSE BILL 833**

Short Title:    The FRESH Act. (Public)

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Sponsors:     Representatives Lowery and Chesser (Primary Sponsors).  
                  *For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site.*

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Referred to:   Agriculture and Environment, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the  
                  House

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April 10, 2025

1                                   A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2   AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER  
3       SERVICES TO EXPAND THE HOME PROCESSOR PROGRAM TO INCLUDE  
4       CERTAIN REFRIGERATED, FROZEN, AND PERISHABLE PRODUCTS.

5   The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6               **SECTION 1.** Title. – This act shall be known and may be cited as "The Food  
7   Refrigeration Expansion for Safe Home-processing (FRESH) Act."

8               **SECTION 2.(a)** Program Expansion. – The Department of Agriculture and  
9   Consumer Services (hereinafter, the "Department") shall expand its Home Processor Program to  
10  authorize the production and sale by program participants of refrigerated or frozen food products,  
11  and bakery products with cream or cream cheese fillings, including cheesecakes.

12              **SECTION 2.(b)** Rulemaking. – The Department may adopt temporary rules  
13  necessary to implement subsection (a) of this section. Temporary rules adopted pursuant to this  
14  section shall remain in effect until permanent rules that replace the temporary rules become  
15  effective. The expanded Home Processor Program remains subject to applicable food safety laws  
16  and inspections under Article 12 of Chapter 106 of the General Statutes.

17              **SECTION 3.** Effective Date. – This act is effective when it becomes law.

