GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

SESSION 1991

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HOUSE BILL 1685*

Short Title: No Immunity for Infraction. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Hensley; Abernethy, Albertson, Anderson, Barbee, Barnes, Beard, Black. Bowie, Bowman, Brawley, Brubaker, Buchanan, Chapin, Church, Creech, Culp, Cunningham, Decker, DeVane, Dickson, Dockham, Ethridge, Fitch, Flaherty, Foster, Fussell, Gamble, Gardner, Gist, Gottovi, Grady, Gray, Green, Grimmer, Hackney, Hege, Holmes, Howard, Jack Hunt, H. Hunter, R. Hunter, Hurley, Isenhower, James, Jarrell, Jeffus, Jeralds, Jones, Jordan, Justus, Kahl, Kennedy, Kerr, Kimsey, Lewis, Ligon, Lineberry, Loflin, Lutz, McGee, McLawhorn, Mercer, Michaux, Morgan, Nesbitt, Nye, Oldham, Pope, Privette, Redwine, Robinson, Rogers, Russell, Smith, Stamey, Stewart, Tallent, Thompson, Wainwright, Warner, Wicker, Wilmoth, Wilson, Withrow, and Wood.

Referred to: Judiciary III.

July 17, 1992

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE IMMUNITY HELD BY MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DOES NOT APPLY TO INFRACTIONS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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11 12 Section 1. G.S. 120-9 reads as rewritten:

"§120-9. Freedom of speech; protection from arrest.

The members shall have freedom of speech and debate in the General Assembly, and shall not be liable to impeachment or question, in any court or place out of the General Assembly, for words therein spoken; and shall be protected, except in cases of crime <u>or infraction</u>, from all arrest and imprisonment, or attachment of property, during the time of their going to, coming from, or attending the General Assembly."

Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.