

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

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**SENATE BILL 517**

Short Title: Burke EMS Fee Collections.

(Local)

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Sponsors: Senator Simpson.

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Referred to: Finance

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**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

**AN ACT TO PERMIT THE COUNTY OF BURKE TO COLLECT DELINQUENT FEES FOR EMS SERVICES IN THE SAME MANNER AS PROPERTY TAXES AND TO PROHIBIT THE REGISTRATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES OWNED BY PERSONS OWING DELINQUENT EMS SERVICES IN BURKE COUNTY.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Whenever emergency medical services are provided by the County of Burke and the recipient of the services fails to pay the charges fixed for the services for a period of 180 days after demand is made for the rendering of the payment for the services, the County may collect the fees employing all of the remedies for the collection of property tax set forth in G.S. 105-367, 105-368, 105-374, and 105-375. In employing the remedies under those statutes, the emergency medical services fees shall be treated in the same manner as a property tax on personal property.

Sec. 2. Whenever emergency medical services are provided by the County of Burke and the recipient of the services fails to pay the charges fixed for the services for a period of 180 days after demand is made for the rendering of the payment for the services, and the recipient of the services is the registered owner of a motor vehicle, the tax collector shall notify the Division of Motor Vehicles of the delinquency in the payment of the emergency medical service fees in the manner provided in G.S. 105-

1 330.7. Upon the receipt of the notice sent pursuant to this section, the Division of Motor  
2 Vehicles shall treat the motor vehicle registration in accordance with G.S. 20-50.4.

3 Sec. 3. G.S. 44-51.6 reads as rewritten:

4 **"§ 44-51.6. Lien to be filed.**

5 No lien created by G.S. 44-51.5 shall be valid but from the time of filing in the office  
6 of the clerk of superior court a statement containing the name and address of the person  
7 against whom the lien is claimed, the name of the county or municipality claiming the  
8 lien, the amount of the unpaid charge for ambulance service, and the date and place of  
9 furnishing the ambulance service for which charges are asserted and the lien claimed. No  
10 lien under this section shall be valid unless filed after 90 days of the date of the  
11 furnishing of ambulance service, and within ~~180 days~~ three years of the date of the  
12 furnishing of ambulance service."

13 Sec. 4. This act applies to Burke County only.

14 Sec. 5. This act is effective upon ratification.