

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 1541

Short Title: Camden Ambulance Fees.

(Local)

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Sponsors: Representative Owens.

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Referred to: Local Government II.

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May 16, 2000

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO MAKE IT A CRIMINAL OFFENSE IN CAMDEN COUNTY TO  
2 OBTAIN AMBULANCE SERVICES WITH NO INTENT TO PAY FOR THOSE  
3 SERVICES OR TO MAKE AN UNNECESSARY AMBULANCE REQUEST AND  
4 TO AUTHORIZE CAMDEN COUNTY TO COLLECT AMBULANCE CHARGES  
5 THROUGH THE USE OF ATTACHMENT AND GARNISHMENT  
6 PROCEEDINGS.  
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8 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

9 Section 1. G.S. 14-111.2 reads as rewritten:

10 **"§ 14-111.2. Obtaining ambulance services without intending to pay therefor –**  
11 **certain named counties.**

12 Any person who with intent to defraud shall obtain ambulance services without  
13 intending at the time of obtaining such services to pay, if financially able, any reasonable  
14 charges therefor shall be guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor. A determination by the court  
15 that the recipient of such services has willfully failed to pay for the services rendered for  
16 a period of 90 days after request for payment, and that the recipient is financially able to  
17 do so, shall raise a presumption that the recipient at the time of obtaining the services  
18 intended to defraud the provider of the services and did not intend to pay for the services.

19 The section shall apply to Anson, Ashe, Beaufort, Caldwell, Camden, Caswell,  
20 Catawba, Chatham, Cherokee, Clay, Cleveland, Cumberland, Davie, Duplin, Durham,

1 Forsyth, Gaston, Graham, Guilford, Haywood, Henderson, Hoke, Hyde, Iredell, Macon,  
2 Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Orange, Pasquotank, Person, Polk, Randolph, Robeson,  
3 Rockingham, Scotland, Stanly, Surry, Transylvania, Union, Vance, Washington, Wilkes  
4 and Yadkin Counties only.”

5 Section 2. G.S. 14-111.3 reads as rewritten:

6 **"§ 14-111.3. Making unneeded ambulance request in certain counties.**

7 It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to willfully obtain or attempt to obtain  
8 ambulance service that is not needed, or to make a false request or report that an  
9 ambulance is needed. Every person convicted of violating this section shall be guilty of a  
10 Class 3 misdemeanor.

11 This section shall apply only to the Counties of Ashe, Buncombe, Camden, Cherokee,  
12 Clay, Cleveland, Davie, Duplin, Durham, Graham, Greene, Haywood, Hoke, Macon,  
13 Madison, Polk, Robeson, Washington, Wilkes and Yadkin.”

14 Section 3. G.S. 44-51.8 reads as rewritten:

15 **"§ 44-51.8. Counties to which Article applies.**

16 The provisions of this Article shall apply only to Alamance, Alexander, Alleghany,  
17 Anson, Ashe, Beaufort, Bladen, Brunswick, Buncombe, Burke, Cabarrus, Camden,  
18 Caldwell, Caswell, Catawba, Chatham, Cherokee, Chowan, Cleveland, Columbus,  
19 Craven, Cumberland, Dare, Davidson, Davie, Duplin, Durham, Edgecombe, Forsyth,  
20 Franklin, Gaston, Graham, Granville, Greene, Guilford, Halifax, Harnett, Haywood,  
21 Henderson, Hertford, Hoke, Hyde, Iredell, Johnston, Jones, Lee, Lenoir, Lincoln,  
22 McDowell, Macon, Madison, Mecklenburg, Mitchell, Montgomery, Moore, Nash, New  
23 Hanover, Onslow, Pasquotank, Person, Pitt, Polk, Randolph, Richmond, Robeson,  
24 Rockingham, Rowan, Rutherford, Sampson, Scotland, Stanly, Stokes, Surry, Swain,  
25 Transylvania, Tyrrell, Union, Vance, Wake, Warren, Washington, Watauga, Wilkes,  
26 Wilson, Yadkin and Yancey Counties.”

27 Section 4. This act becomes effective December 1, 2000, and applies only to  
28 Camden County. Sections 1 and 2 of this act apply only to offenses committed on or  
29 after December 1, 2000.