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SENATE BILL 181
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Short Title: Dallas Property Maintenance.

(Local)

Sponsors: Senator Hoyle.

Referred to: Finance.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF DALLAS AND THE TOWN OF TABOR
3 CITY TO ENACT A PROPERTY MAINTENANCE ORDINANCE AND TO
4 ASSESS CERTAIN COSTS OF ENFORCEMENT AS A LIEN AGAINST THE
5 PROPERTY.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 Section 1. The Charter of the Town of Dallas, being Chapter 342 of the 1979
8 Session Laws, is amended by adding a new Article to read:

9 "ARTICLE V.

10 "PROPERTY MAINTENANCE.

11 "Section 5.1. **Removal of Trash, Weeds; Lien.** The Town Board may require the
12 owners of all premises, vacant or improved, to keep the same free from trash, obnoxious
13 weeds, overgrowth, solid wastes, and stagnant water and may provide that if the owners
14 fail to comply with any such requirement, an employee or contractor of the Town may go
15 upon the owners' premises and perform any work that may be necessary to comply with
16 such requirement, and the Town may charge the cost thereof against the premises upon
17 which the work is performed.

18 The costs of any work performed under this section shall constitute a lien against the
19 premises upon which the work is performed and may be collected in the same manner as

1 taxes upon real property. The term 'cost' as used in this section shall include interest at
2 the rate of eight percent (8%) per annum until the lien is paid. Interest does not accrue
3 until a bill for the costs becomes overdue."

4 Section 2. The Town Council of the Town of Tabor City may require the
5 owners of all premises, vacant or improved, to keep the same free from trash, obnoxious
6 weeds, overgrowth, solid wastes, and stagnant water and may provide that if the owners
7 fail to comply with any such requirement, an employee or contractor of the town may go
8 upon the owners' premises and perform any work that may be necessary to comply with
9 such requirement, and the town may charge the cost thereof against the premises upon
10 which the work is performed. The costs of any work performed under this section shall
11 constitute a lien against the premises upon which the work is performed and may be
12 collected in the same manner as taxes upon real property. The term "cost" shall include
13 interest at the rate of eight percent (8%) per annum until the lien is paid. Interest does not
14 accrue until a bill for the costs becomes overdue.

15 Section 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.