

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 1018*

Short Title: Durham/Overgrown Vegetation Ordinance. (Local)

Sponsors: Representatives Hall, Wilkins (Primary Sponsors); and Luebke.

Referred to: Local Government II.

March 27, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF DURHAM TO EXPEDITE REMOVAL OF
2 OVERGROWN VEGETATION BY AMENDING THE DEFINITION OF
3 CHRONIC VIOLATOR.
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 160A-200(a) reads as rewritten:

7 "(a) A municipality may notify a chronic violator of the municipality's overgrown
8 vegetation ordinance that, if the violator's property is found to be in violation of the
9 ordinance, the municipality shall, without further notice in the calendar year in which
10 notice is given, take action to remedy the violation and the expense of the action shall
11 become a lien upon the ~~property and shall be collected as unpaid taxes.~~property. The
12 initial annual notice shall be served by registered or certified mail. A chronic violator is
13 a person who owns property whereupon, in the previous calendar year, the municipality
14 took remedial action at least ~~three~~two times under the overgrown vegetation
15 ordinance."

16 **SECTION 2.** This act applies to the City of Durham only.

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