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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO THE GENERAL STATUTES AND
THE SESSION LAWS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL STATUTES
COMMISSION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Subsection (c) of G.S. 1A-1, Rule 59, is rewritten to read:

"(c) Time for serving affidavits. – When a motion for new trial is based upon affidavits they shall be served with the motion. The opposing party has 10 days after such service within which to serve opposing affidavits, which period may be extended for an additional period not exceeding 30 days either by the court for good cause shown or by the parties by written stipulation. The court may permit reply affidavits."

SECTION 2. G.S. 15-11.2 reads as rewritten:

"§ 15-11.2. Disposition of unclaimed firearms not confiscated or seized as trial evidence.

(a) Definition. – For purposes of this section, the term "unclaimed firearm" means a firearm that is found or received by a law enforcement agency and that remains unclaimed by the person who may be entitled to it for a period of 30 days after the publication of the notice required by subsection (b) of this section. The term does not include a firearm that is seized and disposed of pursuant to G.S. 15-11.1 or a firearm that is confiscated and disposed of pursuant to G.S. 14-269.1.

(b) Published Notice of Unclaimed Firearm. – When a law enforcement agency finds or receives a firearm and the firearm remains unclaimed for a period of 180 days, the agency shall publish at least one notice in a newspaper published in the county in which the agency is located. The notice shall include all of the following:

- (1) A statement that the firearm is unclaimed and is in the custody of the law enforcement agency.
- (2) A statement that the firearm may be sold or otherwise disposed of unless the firearm is claimed within 30 days of the date of the publication of the notice.
- (3) A brief description of the firearm and any other information that the chief or head of the law enforcement agency may consider necessary or advisable to reasonably inform the public about the firearm.

(c) Repealed by Session Laws 2013-158, s. 2, effective September 1, 2013, and applicable to any firearm found or received by a local law enforcement agency on or after that date and to any judicial order for the disposition of any firearm on or after that date.

(d) Disposition of Unclaimed Firearm. – If the firearm remains unclaimed for a period of 30 days after the publication of the notice, then the head or chief of the law enforcement agency shall order the disposition of the firearm in one of the following ways:



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1 (1) By having the firearm destroyed if the firearm does not have a legible,
2 unique identification number or is unsafe for use because of wear, damage,
3 age, or modification and will not be disposed of pursuant to subdivision (3)
4 of this subsection. The head or chief of the law enforcement agency shall
5 maintain a record of the destruction of the firearm.

6 (2) By sale, trade, or exchange by the agency to a federally licensed firearm
7 dealer in accordance with all applicable State and federal firearm laws or by
8 sale of the firearm at a public auction to persons licensed as firearms
9 collectors, dealers, importers, or manufacturers. The head or chief of the law
10 enforcement agency shall dispose of the firearm pursuant to this subdivision
11 only if the firearm has a legible, unique identification number.

12 (3) By maintaining the firearm for training or experimental purposes or
13 transferring the firearm to a museum or historical society.

14 (e) Repealed by Session Laws 2013-158, s. 2, effective September 1, 2013, and
15 applicable to any firearm found or received by a local law enforcement agency on or after that
16 date and to any judicial order for the disposition of any firearm on or after that date.

17 (f) Disbursement of Proceeds of Sale. – If the law enforcement agency sells the firearm
18 pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection (d) of this section, then the proceeds of the sale shall
19 be retained by the law enforcement agency and used for law enforcement purposes. The
20 receiving law enforcement agency shall maintain a record and inventory of all firearms
21 received pursuant to this section, as well as the disposition of the firearm, including any funds
22 received from a sale of a firearm or any firearms or other property received in exchange or
23 trade of a firearm."

24 **SECTION 3.** G.S. 42A-15 reads as rewritten:

25 "**§ 42A-15. Trust account uses.**

26 A landlord or real estate broker may require a tenant to pay all or part of any required rent,
27 security deposit, or other fees permitted by law in advance of the commencement of a tenancy
28 under this Chapter if these payments are expressly authorized in the vacation rental agreement.
29 If the tenant is required to make any advance payments, other than a security deposit, whether
30 the payment is denominated as rent or otherwise, the landlord or real estate broker shall deposit
31 these payments in a trust account in an insured bank or savings and loan association in North
32 Carolina no later than three banking days after the receipt of ~~the~~ these payments. These
33 payments deposited in a trust account shall not earn interest unless the landlord and tenant
34 agree in the vacation rental agreement that the payments may be deposited in an
35 interest-bearing account. The landlord and tenant shall also provide in the agreement to whom
36 the accrued interest shall be disbursed."

37 **SECTION 4.** G.S. 53-244.111 reads as rewritten:

38 "**§ 53-244.111. Prohibited acts.**

39 In addition to the activities prohibited under other provisions of this Article, it shall be
40 unlawful for any person in the course of any residential mortgage loan transaction:

- 41 ...
- 42 (22) For a person acting as a mortgage servicer to fail to mail, at least 45 days
43 before foreclosure is initiated, a notice addressed to the borrower at the
44 borrower's last known address with the following information:
- 45 a. An itemization of all past due amounts causing the loan to be in
46 default.
 - 47 b. An itemization of any other charges that must be paid in order to
48 bring the loan current.
 - 49 c. A statement that the borrower may have options available other than
50 foreclosure and that the borrower may discuss the options with the

1 mortgage lender, the mortgage servicer, or a counselor approved by
2 the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

3 d. The address, telephone number, and other contact information for the
4 mortgage lender, the mortgage servicer, or the agent for either of
5 them who is authorized to attempt to work with the borrower to avoid
6 foreclosure.

7 e. The name, address, telephone number, and other contact information
8 for one or more HUD-approved counseling agencies operating to
9 assist borrowers in North Carolina to avoid foreclosure.

10 f. The address, telephone number, and other contact information for the
11 ~~consumer complaint section of the Office of the Commissioner of~~
12 ~~Banks~~ State Home Foreclosure Prevention Project of the Housing
13 Finance Agency.

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15 **SECTION 5.** G.S. 95-111.4 reads as rewritten:

16 **"§ 95-111.4. Powers and duties of Commissioner.**

17 The Commissioner of Labor is hereby ~~empowered~~ empowered to do all of the following:

18 (1) To delegate to the Director of the Elevator and Amusement Device Division
19 such powers, duties and responsibilities as the Commissioner determines
20 will best serve the public interest in the safe operation of amusement
21 ~~devices~~ devices.

22 (2) To supervise the Director of the Elevator and Amusement Device
23 ~~Division~~ Division.

24 (3) To adopt, modify, or revoke such rules and regulations as are necessary for
25 the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Article including, but not
26 limited to, those governing the design, construction, installation, plans
27 review, testing, inspection, certification, operation, use, maintenance,
28 alteration and relocation of devices subject to the provisions of this Article.
29 The rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to this rulemaking authority
30 shall conform with good engineering and safety standards, formulas and
31 ~~practices~~ practices.

32 (4) To enforce rules and regulations adopted under authority of this
33 ~~Article~~ Article.

34 (5) To inspect and have tested for acceptance all new and relocated devices
35 subject to the provisions of this Article. Relocated amusement devices shall
36 be inspected upon reassembly at each new location within this State;
37 provided that the Commissioner may provide for less frequent inspections
38 when he determines that the device is of such a type and its use is of such a
39 nature that inspection less often than upon each reassembly would not
40 expose the public to an unsafe condition likely to result in serious personal
41 injury or property ~~damage~~ damage.

42 (6) To inspect amusement devices which have been substantially rebuilt or
43 substantially modified so as to change the original action, structure or
44 capacity of the ~~device~~ device.

45 (7) To make maintenance and periodic inspections and tests of all devices
46 subject to the provisions of this Article. Devices located in amusement parks
47 shall be inspected at least once ~~annually~~ annually.

48 (8) To issue certificates of operation which certify for use such devices as are
49 found to be in compliance with this Article and the rules and regulations
50 promulgated ~~thereunder~~ thereunder.

- 1 (9) To have reasonable access, with or without notice, to the devices subject to
2 the provisions of this Article during reasonable hours, for purposes of
3 inspection or ~~testing;testing.~~
4 (10) To obtain an Administrative Search and Inspection Warrant in accordance
5 with the provisions of Article 4A of Chapter 15 of the General
6 ~~Statutes;Statutes.~~
7 (11) To investigate accidents involving devices subject to the provisions of this
8 Article to determine the cause of ~~such—the~~ accident, and ~~he—the~~
9 Commissioner shall have full subpoena powers in conducting ~~such~~
10 ~~investigation;the investigation.~~
11 (12) To institute proceedings in the civil courts of this State, when a provision of
12 this Article or the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder has been
13 ~~violated;violated.~~
14 (13) To adopt, modify or revoke rules and regulations governing the
15 qualifications of ~~inspectors;inspectors.~~
16 (14) To grant exceptions from the requirements of the rules and regulations
17 promulgated under authority of this Article and to permit the use of other
18 devices when ~~such—these~~ exceptions and uses will not expose the public to an
19 unsafe condition likely to result in serious personal injury or property
20 ~~damage;damage.~~
21 (15) To require that before any device subject to the provisions of this Article is
22 erected in this State, or before any additions or alterations which
23 substantially change ~~such—the~~ device are made, or before the physical
24 spacing between ~~such—the~~ devices is changed, the owner or ~~his—the~~ owner's
25 authorized agent shall file with the Commissioner a written notice of ~~his—the~~
26 owner's intention to do so and the type of device involved. Should
27 circumstances necessitate, the Commissioner may require that ~~such—the~~
28 owner or ~~his—the~~ owner's authorized agent furnish a copy of the plans,
29 diagrams, specifications or stress analyses of ~~such—the~~ device before the
30 inspection of ~~same—the~~ device. When ~~such—~~plans, diagrams, specifications or
31 stress analyses are requested by the Commissioner, ~~he—the~~ Commissioner
32 shall review them within 10 days of receipt, and upon approval, ~~he—~~shall
33 authorize the device for use by the ~~public;public.~~
34 (16) To prohibit the use of any device subject to the provisions of this Article
35 which is found upon inspection to expose the public to an unsafe condition
36 likely to cause personal injury or property damage. Such a device shall be
37 made operational only upon the Commissioner's determination that ~~such~~
38 ~~device—it~~ has been made ~~safe;safe.~~
39 (17) To order the payment of all civil penalties provided by this Article. The clear
40 proceeds of funds collected pursuant to a civil penalty order shall be remitted
41 to the Civil Penalty and Forfeiture Fund in accordance with
42 ~~G.S. 115C-457.2; and~~G.S. 115C-457.2.
43 (18) To coordinate enforcement and inspection activity relative to equipment,
44 devices and operations covered by this Article in order to minimize
45 duplication of liability or regulatory responsibility on the part of the
46 employer or owner.
47 (19) To establish fees not to exceed two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) for the
48 inspection and issuance of certificates of operation for devices subject to this
49 Article that are in use."

50 **SECTION 6.** G.S. 95-148 reads as rewritten:

51 "**§ 95-148. Safety and health programs of State agencies and local governments.**

1 It shall be the responsibility of each administrative department, commission, board, division
2 or other agency of the State and of counties, cities, towns and subdivisions of government to
3 establish and maintain an effective and comprehensive occupational safety and health program
4 which is consistent with the standards and regulations promulgated under this Article. The head
5 of each agency shall:

- 6 (1) Provide safe and healthful places and conditions of employment, consistent
7 with the standards and regulations promulgated by this ~~Article~~; Article.
- 8 (2) Acquire, maintain, and require the use of safety equipment, personal
9 protective equipment, and devices reasonably necessary to protect
10 ~~employees~~; employees.
- 11 (3) Consult with and encourage employees to cooperate in achieving safe and
12 healthful working ~~conditions~~; conditions.
- 13 (4) Keep adequate records of all occupational accidents and illnesses for proper
14 evaluation and corrective ~~action~~; action.
- 15 (5) Consult with the Commissioner as to the adequacy as to form and content of
16 records kept pursuant to this ~~section~~; section.
- 17 (6) Make an annual report to the Commissioner with respect to occupational
18 accidents and injuries and the agency's program under this section.

19 The Commissioner shall transmit annually to the Governor and the General Assembly a
20 report of the activities of the State agency and instrumentalities under this section. If the
21 Commissioner has reason to believe that any local government program or program of any
22 agency of the State is ineffective, ~~he~~ the Commissioner shall, after unsuccessfully seeking by
23 negotiations to abate ~~such~~ this failure, include this in ~~his~~ the Commissioner's annual report to
24 the Governor and the General Assembly, together with the reasons therefor, and may
25 recommend legislation intended to correct ~~such~~ the condition.

26 The Commissioner shall have access to the records and reports kept and filed by State
27 agencies and instrumentalities pursuant to this section unless such records and reports are
28 required to be kept secret in the interest of national defense, in which case the Commissioner
29 shall have access to such information as will not jeopardize national defense.

30 Employees of any agency or department covered under this section are afforded the same
31 rights and protections as granted employees in the private sector.

32 This section shall not apply to volunteer fire departments not a part of any municipality.

33 Any municipality with a population of 10,000 or less may exclude its fire department from
34 the operation of this section by a resolution of the governing body of the municipality, except
35 that the resolution may not exclude those firefighters who are employees of the municipality.

36 The North Carolina Fire and Rescue Commission shall recommend regulations and
37 standards for fire departments."

38 **SECTION 7.(a)** G.S. 111-47.1 reads as rewritten:

39 **"§ 111-47.1. Food service at North Carolina aquariums.**

40 (a) Notwithstanding ~~Article 3 of Chapter 111 of the General Statutes~~; this Article, the
41 North Carolina Aquariums may operate or contract for the operation of food or vending
42 services at the North Carolina Aquariums. Notwithstanding G.S. 111-43, the net proceeds of
43 revenue generated by food and vending services that are provided at the North Carolina
44 Aquariums and are operated by or whose operation is contracted for by the Division of North
45 Carolina Aquariums shall be credited to the North Carolina Aquariums Fund.

46 (b) This section shall not be construed to alter any contract for food or vending services
47 at the North Carolina Aquariums that is in force ~~at the time this section becomes law~~. on July 1,
48 1999."

49 **SECTION 7.(b)** G.S. 111-47.2 reads as rewritten:

50 **"§ 111-47.2. Food service at museums and historic sites operated by the Department of**
51 **Cultural Resources.**

1 Notwithstanding ~~Article 3 of Chapter 111 of the General Statutes,~~ this Article, the North
2 Carolina Department of Cultural Resources may operate or contract for the operation of food or
3 vending services at museums and historic sites operated by the Department. Notwithstanding
4 G.S. 111-43, the net proceeds of revenue generated by food and vending services provided at
5 museums and historic sites operated by the Department or a vendor with whom the Department
6 has contracted shall be credited to the appropriate fund of the museum or historic site where the
7 funds were generated and shall be used for the operation of that museum or historic site."

8 **SECTION 8.** G.S. 113-133.1(e) reads as rewritten:

9 "(e) Because of strong community interest expressed in their retention, the local acts or
10 portions of local acts listed in this section are not repealed. The following local acts are retained
11 to the extent they apply to the county for which listed:

12 Alleghany: Session Laws 1951, Chapter 665; Session Laws 1977, Chapter 526; Session
13 Laws 1979, Chapter 556.

14 Anson: Former G.S. 113-111, as amended by Session Laws 1955, Chapter 286.

15 Ashe: Former G.S. 113-111; Session Laws 1951, Chapter 665.

16 Avery: Former G.S. 113-122.

17 Beaufort: Session Laws 1947, Chapter 466, as amended by Session Laws 1979, Chapter
18 219; Session Laws 1957, Chapter 1364; Session Laws 1971, Chapter 173.

19 Bertie: Session Laws 1955, Chapter 1376; Session Laws 1975, Chapter 287.

20 Bladen: Public-Local Laws 1933, Chapter 550, Section 2 (as it pertains to fox season);
21 Session Laws 1961, Chapter 348 (as it applies to Bladen residents fishing in Robeson County);
22 Session Laws 1961, Chapter 1023; Session Laws 1971, Chapter 384.

23 Brunswick: Session Laws 1975, Chapter 218.

24 Buncombe: Public-Local Laws 1933, Chapter 308.

25 Burke: Public-Local Laws 1921, Chapter 454; Public-Local Laws 1921 (Extra Session),
26 Chapter 213, Section 3 (with respect to fox seasons); Public-Local Laws 1933, Chapter 422,
27 Section 3; Session Laws 1977, Chapter 636.

28 Caldwell: Former G.S. 113-122; Session Laws 1977, Chapter 636; Session Laws 1979,
29 Chapter 507.

30 Camden: Session Laws 1955, Chapter 362 (to the extent it applies to inland fishing waters);
31 Session Laws 1967, Chapter 441.

32 Carteret: Session Laws 1955, Chapter 1036; Session Laws 1977, Chapter 695.

33 Caswell: Public-Local Laws 1933, Chapter 311; Public-Local Laws 1937, Chapter 411.

34 Catawba: Former G.S. 113-111, as amended by Session Laws 1955, Chapter 1037.

35 Chatham: Public-Local Laws 1937 Chapter 236; Session Laws 1963, Chapter 271.

36 Chowan: Session Laws 1979, Chapter 184; Session Laws 1979, Chapter 582.

37 Cleveland: Public Laws 1907, Chapter 388; Session Laws 1951, Chapter 1101; Session
38 Laws 1979, Chapter 587.

39 Columbus: Session Laws 1951, Chapter 492, as amended by Session Laws 1955, Chapter
40 506.

41 Craven: Session Laws 1971, Chapter 273, as amended by Session Laws 1971, Chapter 629.

42 Cumberland: Session Laws 1975, Chapter 748; Session Laws 1977, Chapter 471.

43 Dare: Session Laws 1973, Chapter 259.

44 Davie: Former G.S. 113-111, as amended by Session Laws 1947, Chapter 333.

45 Duplin: Session Laws 1965, Chapter 774; Session Laws 1973 (Second Session 1974),
46 Chapter 1266; Session Laws 1979, Chapter 466.

47 Edgecombe: Session Laws 1961, Chapter 408.

48 Gates: Session Laws 1959, Chapter 298; Session Laws 1975, Chapter 269; Session Laws
49 1975, Chapter 748.

50 Granville: Session Laws 1963, Chapter 670.

51 Greene: Session Laws 1975, Chapter 219; Session Laws 1979, Chapter 360.

- 1 Halifax: Public-Local Laws 1925, Chapter 571, Section 3 (with respect to fox-hunting
2 seasons); Session Laws 1947, Chapter 954; Session Laws 1955, Chapter 1376.
3 Haywood: Former G.S. 113-111, as modified by Session Laws 1963, Chapter 322.
4 Henderson: Former G.S. 113-111.
5 Hertford: Session Laws 1959, Chapter 298; Session Laws 1975, Chapter 269; Session Laws
6 1975, Chapter 748; Session Laws 1977, Chapter 67.
7 Hoke: Session Laws 1963, Chapter 267.
8 Hyde: Public-Local Laws 1929, Chapter 354, Section 1 (as it relates to foxes); Session
9 Laws 1951, Chapter 932.
10 Iredell: Session Laws 1979, Chapter 577.
11 Jackson: Session Laws 1965, Chapter 765.
12 Johnston: Session Laws 1975, Chapter 342.
13 Jones: Session Laws 1979, Chapter 441.
14 Lee: Session Laws 1963, Chapter 271; Session Laws 1977, Chapter 636.
15 Lenoir: Session Laws 1979, Chapter 441.
16 Lincoln: Public-Local Laws 1925, Chapter 449, Sections 1 and 2; Session Laws 1955,
17 Chapter 878.
18 Madison: Public-Local Laws 1925, Chapter 418, Section 4; Session Laws 1951, Chapter
19 1040.
20 Martin: Session Laws 1955, Chapter 1376; Session Laws 1977, Chapter 636.
21 Montgomery: Session Laws 1977 (Second Session 1978), Chapter 1142.
22 Nash: Session Laws 1961, Chapter 408.
23 New Hanover: Session Laws 1971, Chapter 559; Session Laws 1975, Chapter 95.
24 Northampton: Session Laws 1955, Chapter 1376; Session Laws 1975, Chapter 269; Session
25 Laws 1975, Chapter 748; Session Laws 1977, Chapter 67; Session Laws 1979, Chapter 548.
26 Orange: Public-Local Laws 1913, Chapter 547.
27 Pamlico: Session Laws 1977, Chapter 636.
28 Pender: Session Laws 1961, Chapter 333; Session Laws 1967, Chapter 229; Session Laws
29 1969, Chapter 258, as amended by Session Laws 1973, Chapter 420; Session Laws 1977,
30 Chapter 585, as amended by Session Laws 1985, Chapter 421; Session Laws 1977, Chapter
31 805; Session Laws 1979, Chapter 546.
32 Perquimans: Former G.S. 113-111; Session Laws 1973, Chapter 160; Session Laws 1973,
33 Chapter 264.
34 Polk: ~~Session Laws 1975, Chapter 397;~~ Session Laws 1975, Chapter 269, as amended by
35 Session Laws 1977, Chapter 167.
36 Randolph: Public-Local Laws 1941, Chapter 246; Session Laws 1947, Chapter 920.
37 Robeson: Public-Local Laws 1924 (Extra Session), Chapter 92; Session Laws 1961,
38 Chapter 348.
39 Rockingham: Former G.S. 113-111; Public-Local Laws 1933, Chapter 310.
40 Rowan: Session Laws 1975, Chapter 269, as amended by Session Laws 1977, Chapter 106,
41 and Session Laws 1977, Chapter 500; Session Laws 1979, Chapter 556.
42 Rutherford: Session Laws 1973, ~~Chapter 114; Session Laws 1975, Chapter 397.~~ Chapter
43 114.
44 Sampson: Session Laws 1979, Chapter 373.
45 Scotland: Session Laws 1959, Chapter 1143; Session Laws 1977, Chapter 436.
46 Stokes: Former G.S. 113-111; Public-Local Laws 1933, Chapter 310; Session Laws 1979,
47 Chapter 556.
48 Surry: Public-Local Laws 1925, Chapter 474, Section 6 (as it pertains to fox seasons);
49 Session Laws 1975, Chapter 269, as amended by Session Laws 1977, Chapter 167.
50 Swain: Public-Local Laws 1935, Chapter 52; Session Laws 1953, Chapter 270; Session
51 Laws 1965, Chapter 765.

1 Transylvania: Public Laws 1935, Chapter 107, Section 2, as amended by Public Laws 1935,
2 Chapter 238.

3 Tyrrell: Former G.S. 113-111; Session Laws 1953, Chapter 685.

4 Wake: Session Laws 1973 (Second Session 1974), Chapter 1382.

5 Washington: Session Laws 1947, Chapter 620.

6 Wayne: Session Laws 1975, Chapter 269; Session Laws 1975, Chapter 342, as amended by
7 Session Laws 1977, Chapter 43; Session Laws 1975, Chapter 343, as amended by Session
8 Laws 1977, Chapter 45; Session Laws 1977, Chapter 695.

9 Wilkes: Former G.S. 113-111, as amended by Session Laws 1971, Chapter 385; Session
10 Laws 1951, Chapter 665; Session Laws 1973, Chapter 106; Session Laws 1979, Chapter 507.

11 Yadkin: Former G.S. 113-111, as amended by Session Laws 1953, Chapter 199; Session
12 Laws 1979, Chapter 507.

13 Yancey: Session Laws 1965, Chapter 522."

14 **SECTION 9.** G.S. 115C-325(h)(7) reads as rewritten:

15 "(7) Within five days of being notified of the request for a hearing before a
16 hearing officer, the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall submit to both
17 parties a list of hearing officers trained and approved by the State Board of
18 Education. Within five days of receiving the list, the parties may jointly
19 select a hearing officer from that list, or, if the parties cannot agree to a
20 hearing officer, each party may strike up to one-third of the names on the list
21 and submit its strikeout list to the Superintendent of Public Instruction. The
22 Superintendent of Public Instruction shall then appoint a hearing officer
23 from those individuals remaining on the list. Further, the parties may jointly
24 agree on another hearing officer not on the State Board of ~~Education's~~
25 Education's list, provided that individual is available to proceed in a timely
26 manner and is willing to accept the terms of appointment required by the
27 State Board of Education. No person eliminated by the career employee or
28 superintendent shall be designated as the hearing officer for that case."

29 **SECTION 10.** G.S. 130A-294.1(b) reads as rewritten:

30 "(b) Funds collected pursuant to this section shall be used for personnel and other
31 resources necessary to:

- 32 (1) Provide a high level of technical assistance and waste minimization effort
33 for the hazardous waste management ~~program;program.~~
- 34 (2) Provide timely review of permit ~~applications;applications.~~
- 35 (3) Insure that permit decisions are made on a sound technical basis and that
36 permit decisions incorporate all conditions necessary to accomplish the
37 purposes of this ~~Part;Part.~~
- 38 (4) Improve monitoring and compliance of the hazardous waste management
39 ~~program;program.~~
- 40 (5) Increase the frequency of ~~inspections;inspections.~~
- 41 (6) Provide chemical, biological, toxicological, and analytical support for the
42 hazardous waste management ~~program;andprogram.~~
- 43 (7) Provide resources for emergency response to imminent hazards associated
44 with the hazardous waste management ~~program;program.~~
- 45 (8) Implement and provide oversight of necessary response activities involving
46 inactive hazardous substance or waste disposal ~~sites; sites.~~
- 47 (9) Provide compliance and prevention activities within the solid waste program
48 to ensure that hazardous waste is not disposed in solid waste management
49 facilities."

50 **SECTION 11.** G.S. 136-93(b) reads as rewritten:

"(b) Except as provided in G.S. 136-133.1(g), no vegetation, including any tree, shrub, or underbrush, in or on any right-of-way of a State road or State highway shall be planted, cut, trimmed, pruned, or removed without a written selective vegetation removal permit issued pursuant to G.S. 136-133.2 and in accordance with the rules of the Department. Requests for a permit for selective vegetation cutting, thinning, pruning, or removal shall be made by the owner of an outdoor advertising sign or the owner of a business facility to the appropriate person in the Division of Highways office on a form prescribed by the Department. For purposes of this section, G.S. 136-133.1, 136-133.2, and 136-133.4, the phrase "outdoor advertising" shall mean the outdoor advertising expressly permitted under ~~G.S. 136-129(a)(4)~~ G.S. 136-129(4) or ~~G.S. 136-129(a)(5)~~ G.S. 136-129(5). These provisions shall not be used to provide visibility to on-premises signs."

SECTION 12. G.S. 143-151.57 reads as rewritten:

"§ 143-151.57. Fees.

(a) Maximum Fees. – The Board may adopt fees that do not exceed the amounts set in the following table for administering this Article:

| <u>Item</u> | <u>Maximum Fee</u> |
|---|-------------------------------|
| Application for home inspector license | \$35.00 |
| Home inspector examination | 80.00 |
| Issuance or renewal of home inspector license | 160.00 |
| Late renewal of home inspector license | 30.00 |
| Application for course approval | 150.00 |
| Renewal of course approval | 75.00 |
| Course fee, per credit hour per licensee | 5.00 |
| Credit for unapproved continuing education course | 50.00 |
| Copies of Board rules or licensure standards | Cost of printing and mailing. |

~~Or renewal 20.00 110.00 20.00~~

(b) Subsequent Application. – An individual who applied for a license as a home inspector and who failed the home inspector examination is not required to pay an additional application fee if the individual submits another application for a license as a home inspector. The individual must pay the examination fee, however, to be eligible to take the examination again. An individual may take the examination only once every 180 days."

SECTION 13. G.S. 143-151.77 reads as rewritten:

"§ 143-151.77. Enforcement and penalties.

(a) In addition to injunctive relief, the Commissioner may assess and collect a civil penalty against any person who violates any of the provisions of this Article or rules adopted pursuant to this Article, as provided in this ~~subsection~~ section. The maximum civil penalty for a violation is five thousand dollars (\$5,000). A civil penalty may be assessed from the date of the violation. Each day of a continuing violation may constitute a separate violation.

(b) The Commissioner shall determine the amount of the civil penalty and shall notify the person who is assessed the civil penalty of the amount of the penalty and the reason for assessing the penalty. The notice of assessment shall be served by any means authorized under Rule 4 of G.S. 1A-1 and shall direct the violator to either pay the assessment or contest the assessment within 30 calendar days by filing a petition for a contested case under Article 3 of Chapter 150B of the General Statutes. If a violator does not pay a civil penalty assessed by the Commissioner within 30 calendar days after it is due, the Commissioner shall request that the Attorney General institute a civil action to recover the amount of the assessment. The civil action may be brought in the superior court of any county where the violation occurred. A civil action must be filed within one year of the date the assessment was due. An assessment that is not contested is due when the violator is served with a notice of assessment. An assessment that is contested is due at the conclusion of the administrative and judicial review of the assessment.

1 (c) In determining the amount of the penalty, the Commissioner shall consider the
2 degree and extent of harm caused by the violation, the cost of rectifying the damage, the
3 amount of money the violator saved by noncompliance, whether the violation was committed
4 willfully, the prior record of the violator in complying or failing to comply with this Article,
5 and the action of the person to remedy the violation.

6 (d) The clear proceeds of civil penalties collected by the Commissioner under this
7 subsection shall be remitted to the Civil Penalty and Forfeiture Fund in accordance with
8 G.S. 115C-457.2."

9 **SECTION 14.** G.S. 150B-41 reads as rewritten:

10 **"§ 150B-41. Evidence; stipulations; official notice.**

11 (a) In all contested cases, irrelevant, immaterial, and unduly repetitious evidence shall
12 be excluded. Except as otherwise provided, the rules of evidence as applied in the trial division
13 of the General Court of Justice shall be followed; but, when evidence is not reasonably
14 available under such rules to show relevant facts, they may be shown by the most reliable and
15 substantial evidence available. It shall not be necessary for a party or his attorney to object to
16 evidence at the hearing in order to preserve the right to object to its consideration by the agency
17 in reaching its decision, or by the court of judicial review.

18 (b) Evidence in a contested case, including records and documents shall be offered and
19 made a part of the record. Other factual information or evidence shall not be considered in
20 determination of the case, except as permitted under ~~G.S. 150B-30.~~ subsection (d) of this
21 section. Documentary evidence may be received in the form of a copy or excerpt or may be
22 incorporated by reference, if the materials so incorporated are available for examination by the
23 parties. Upon timely request, a party shall be given an opportunity to compare the copy with the
24 original if available.

25 (c) The parties in a contested case under this Article by a stipulation in writing filed
26 with the agency may agree upon any fact involved in the controversy, which stipulation shall be
27 used as evidence at the hearing and be binding on the parties thereto. Parties should agree upon
28 facts when practicable. Except as otherwise provided by law, disposition may be made of a
29 contested case by stipulation, agreed settlement, consent order, waiver, default, or other method
30 agreed upon by the parties.

31 (d) Official notice may be taken of all facts of which judicial notice may be taken and
32 of other facts within the specialized knowledge of the agency. The noticed fact and its source
33 shall be stated and made known to affected parties at the earliest practicable time, and any party
34 shall on timely request be afforded an opportunity to dispute the noticed fact through
35 submission of evidence and argument. An agency may use its experience, technical
36 competence, and specialized knowledge in the evaluation of evidence presented to it."

37 **SECTION 15.(a)** G.S. 153A-357(d) is repealed.

38 **SECTION 15.(b)** G.S. 160A-417(c) is repealed.

39 **SECTION 16.(a)** On March 13, 1895, the General Assembly enacted "An act to
40 incorporate the town of Columbus." The act was published in the 1895 "Private Laws of North
41 Carolina," appearing on pages 404 through 406. The session law designation that appears at the
42 beginning of the act is "Chapter 354," although (i) the act is physically located between
43 Chapters 253 and 255, and (ii) pages 404 through 406 have a running header showing Chapter
44 254 as the session law contained on those pages. There is otherwise no Chapter 254 in the 1895
45 "Private Laws of North Carolina," and the last session law in that volume is Chapter 353. It
46 therefore appears that the intended session law designation for the act was Chapter 254 and that
47 the published session law number contains a typographical error. The act has been cited at least
48 once in a subsequent session law as "Chapter 354 of the Private Laws of 1895" and was
49 repealed in Chapter 46 of the 1985 Session Laws ("An act to revise and consolidate the charter
50 of the town of Columbus").

1 **SECTION 16.(b)** To remove any ambiguity, any reference to "Chapter 354" of the
2 1895 Private Laws of this State or to "Chapter 254" of the 1895 Private Laws of this State shall
3 be construed as a reference to the act enacted by the General Assembly on March 13, 1895,
4 entitled "An act to incorporate the town of Columbus."

5 **SECTION 17.** Section 60(c) of S.L. 2013-413 reads as rewritten:

6 "**SECTION 60.(c)** This ~~act~~Part becomes effective July 1, 2015."

7 **SECTION 18.** This act is effective when it becomes law.