

The Daily Bulletin: 2024-06-24

PUBLIC/HOUSE BILLS

H 237 (2023-2024) **VARIOUS CRIMINAL AND ELECTION LAW CHANGES. (NEW)** Filed Mar 1 2023, *AN ACT TO MODIFY THE PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY OF OTHERS EXEMPTION TO CERTAIN LAWS PROHIBITING WEARING MASKS; TO ENHANCE PUNISHMENT IF THE DEFENDANT WAS WEARING A MASK OR OTHER CLOTHING OR DEVICE TO CONCEAL OR ATTEMPT TO CONCEAL THE DEFENDANT'S IDENTITY; TO PROHIBIT GUBERNATORIAL EXECUTIVE ORDERS, SECRETARIAL DECLARATIONS, MUNICIPAL OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROHIBITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS, OR OTHER RULES OR REGULATIONS BY A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THIS STATE FROM IMPOSING ADDITIONAL LIMITATIONS ON RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS THAT ARE NOT APPLICABLE TO BUSINESSES, NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, OR OTHER PRIVATE ENTITIES AFFECTED BY THE SAME OR SIMILAR EMERGENCY; TO INCREASE THE PENALTY FOR IMPEDING A ROAD DURING A DEMONSTRATION OR OBSTRUCTING AN EMERGENCY VEHICLE FROM ACCESSING A ROAD AT ANY TIME; TO CREATE CIVIL LIABILITY FOR A DEMONSTRATION ORGANIZER OF A DEMONSTRATION THAT OBSTRUCTS AN EMERGENCY VEHICLE; AND TO AMEND CAMPAIGN FINANCE LAWS REGARDING FEDERAL POLITICAL COMMITTEES AND POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS.*

The Governor vetoed the act on June 21, 2024. The Governor's objections and veto message are available here: <https://webservices.ncleg.gov/ViewBillDocument/2023/9086/0/H237-BD-NBC-12283>.

Intro. by Torbett, Greene, Faircloth, Carson Smith.

[GS 14](#), [GS 15A](#), [GS 20](#), [GS 163](#), [GS 166](#)

[View summary](#)

Courts/Judiciary, Criminal Justice, Criminal Law and Procedure, Government, Elections, Public Safety and Emergency Management, State Agencies, State Board of Elections

H 563 (2023-2024) **HEMP-DERIVED CONSUMABLES/CON SUB CHANGES. (NEW)** Filed Apr 4 2023, *AN ACT TO REGULATE THE SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF HEMP-DERIVED CONSUMABLE PRODUCTS, TO IMPOSE AN EXCISE TAX ON THOSE PRODUCTS, TO BAN THOSE PRODUCTS FROM SCHOOL GROUNDS, TO PLACE TIANEPTINE, XYLAZINE, AND KRATOM ON THE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE SCHEDULES, TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF CRIMINAL POSSESSION AND UNLAWFUL SALE OF EMBALMING FLUID AND TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL REVISIONS, TO CREATE NEW CRIMINAL OFFENSES FOR EXPOSING A CHILD TO A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE TO ENACT THE NORTH CAROLINA COMPASSIONATE CARE ACT, AND TO REQUIRE CERTAIN EDUCATION ABOUT OPIOIDS.*

Senate amendments make the following changes to the 7th edition, as amended.

Amendment #5 amends proposed GS 18D-105 by also prohibiting any hemp-derived consumable product intended for ingestion that is a liquid and not intended for inhalation from being sold in a package that contains more than 100 milligrams, in the aggregate, of one or more of the specified hemp-derived cannabinoids.

Amendment #6 amends the prohibition in GS 18D-101 on knowingly, or having reason to know, selling a hemp-derived consumable product to a person under age 21, by adding the requirement a seller of hemp-derived consumable products demand proof of age from a prospective purchaser before releasing the product to the purchaser if the seller has reasonable grounds to believe that the prospective purchaser is under age 30. Requires an online seller of hemp-derived consumable products to verify a prospective purchaser's age and use a method of delivery that requires the signature of a person at least 21 years of age before the hemp-derived consumable product is released. Also adds a prohibition on distributing hemp-derived consumable products through displays accessible to the public without the assistance of a retailer's employee or agent other than in an establishment open only to persons age 21 or older.

Amendment #7 expands the additional advertising restrictions under GS 18D-105 (pertaining to additional requirements and restrictions for hemp-derived consumable products) by preventing labeling such products in a way that depicts or signifies characters or symbols as candy, cereals, sweets, chips, or other food products typically marketed to persons under 21 years of age.

Amendment #8 adds new Section 15(b), amending GS 90-88 (concerning the Commission for Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Service's authority to control certain controlled substances schedules) so that marijuana cannot be rescheduled or deleted under the NC Controlled Substances Act if it is rescheduled or deleted as a controlled substance under federal law unless the General Assembly enacts legislation.

Intro. by McNeely, Sasser, Cotham, Fontenot.

[APPROP, GS 15A, GS 18B, GS 18D, GS 90, GS 105, GS 106, GS 115C, GS 116](#)

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[Agriculture, Business and Commerce, Occupational Licensing, Courts/Judiciary, Criminal Justice, Criminal Law and Procedure, Education, Elementary and Secondary Education, Government, APA/Rule Making, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, UNC System, Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Public Safety, Department of Revenue, Tax, Health and Human Services, Health, Health Care Facilities and Providers](#)

H 593 (2023-2024) [VARIOUS LOCAL LAWS \(NEW\)](#). Filed Apr 10 2023, *AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO GENERAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAW.*

Senate amendment to the 3rd edition makes the following changes.

Removes proposed change to Section 12.2 of SL 2023-134 (the 2023 Appropriations Act) that would have expanded the recipients of the appropriation there to the Towns of Columbus and Tryon. (Directive to the Office of State Budget and Management [OSBM] to allocate those funds to those towns and the City of Saluda for debt repayment remains the same).

Effective June 30, 2024, notwithstanding the committee report described in SL 2021-180 (2021 appropriations act), directs OSBM to reallocate \$7 million of the grant to Duplin County for the Emergency Management Facility as follows: (1) \$1.5 million to be used to construct a new Senior Resource Center and Veterans' Services building and (2) \$5.5 million to be used to construct a co-located sheriff's office and detention center.

Directs the State to convey all its rights, titles, and interests in the former quarry bounded by Quarry Road and the railroad tracks in Monroe, North Carolina, as described to the City of Monroe for \$1. Specifies that the property is conveyed "as is" and "where is" without any warranties concerning the title to the property, the boundaries of the property, the uses to which the property may be put, zoning, local ordinances, or any physical, environmental, health, and safety conditions relating to the property. Directs that the City of Monroe will bear all costs associated with the conveyance. Exempts the conveyance from Article 7 of GS Chapter 146 (pertaining to dispositions of State property). Directs that provisions of Article 16 of GS Chapter 146 apply, except for GS 146-74 (concerning approval of conveyances).

Makes organizational changes.

Intro. by Gillespie.

[Duplin, Macon, Polk, Union, GS 130A](#)

[View summary](#)

[Courts/Judiciary, Motor Vehicle, Government, Budget/Appropriations, Elections, Local Government, Public Enterprises and Utilities, Transportation](#)

H 690 (2023-2024) [NO CENTRL BANK DIGITAL CURRENCY PMTS TO STATE. \(NEW\)](#) Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT TO PROHIBIT PAYMENTS TO THE STATE USING CENTRAL BANK DIGITAL CURRENCY OR PARTICIPATION BY THE STATE IN FEDERAL RESERVE BRANCH TESTING OF CENTRAL BANK DIGITAL CURRENCY.*

Senate committee substitute to the 3rd edition makes the following changes.

Makes a technical change to new GS 147-86.19(c).

Intro. by Warren, Brody.

[GS 147](#)

[View summary](#)

[Government, State Agencies, State Government](#)

LOCAL/HOUSE BILLS

H 911 (2023-2024) [VARIOUS LOCAL PROVISIONS II. \(NEW\)](#) Filed Apr 24 2024, *AN ACT TO DEANNEX CERTAIN DESCRIBED TERRITORIES; TO ANNEX CERTAIN DESCRIBED TERRITORIES; AND TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES TO VARIOUS LOCAL LAWS.*

Senate amendment makes the following changes to the 4th edition. Changes the effective date of the provision governing vacancies on the City Council of Hendersonville so that it applies to any vacancy filled on or after December 1, 2023 (was, October 25, 2023), but before the Council's organizational meeting following the municipal election for the City of Hendersonville in 2026.

Intro. by Gillespie.

[Brunswick, Buncombe, Carteret, Cherokee, Chowan, Currituck, Henderson, McDowell, Pender, GS 40A, GS 160A](#)

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[Government, Tax, Local Government](#)

H 1064 (2023-2024) [VARIOUS LOCAL PROVISIONS III \(NEW\)](#). Filed May 7 2024, *AN ACT TO MAKE CHANGES TO VARIOUS LOCAL ACTS.*

Senate amendment #3 makes the following changes to the 2nd edition.

Section 10.5

Applies only to Mecklenburg County; all municipalities located wholly or primarily in Mecklenburg County; and any special district, authority, or other unit of local government located wholly or primarily in Mecklenburg County, as follows. Prohibits any county, or municipality, special district, authority, or other unit of local government located wholly or primarily inside Mecklenburg County from acquiring real property title or interest in any portion of an existing railway line, including right-of-way, track, and appurtenant railroad facilities, located outside of Mecklenburg County without the approval of each county and municipality containing a portion of the railway line being acquired. Defines approval to mean a majority vote of each board of commissioners of a county and each elected board of a municipality outside of Mecklenburg County containing a portion of the railway line being acquired.

Intro. by Miller.

[Burke, Caldwell, Davie, Forsyth, Iredell, Jackson, Jones, Mecklenburg, Moore, New Hanover, Polk, GS 18B, GS 115C, GS 160A](#)

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[Alcoholic Beverage Control, Development, Land Use and Housing, Education, Government, Elections, Transportation](#)

ACTIONS ON BILLS

PUBLIC BILLS

H 10: REQUIRE SHERIFFS TO COOPERATE WITH ICE.

Senate: Conf Com Appointed

H 38: EDUCATION OMNIBUS CHANGES. (NEW)

House: Ref To Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

H 155: TITLES FOR OFF-ROAD VEH./LOW SPEED VEH. INSP. (NEW)

House: Ratified

House: Pres. To Gov. 6/24/2024

H 199: DMV PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE CHANGES.-AB

Senate: Passed 3rd Reading

H 207: DISCIPLINE CHANGES. (NEW)

House: Ref To Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

H 228: REV. LAWS TECH., CLARIFYING, & ADMIN. CHNGS.

House: Ruled Material

House: Cal Pursuant 36(b)

House: Placed On Cal For 06/26/2024

H 237: VARIOUS CRIMINAL AND ELECTION LAW CHANGES. (NEW)

House: Placed On Cal For 06/26/2024

H 317: ADJUSTMENTS TO THE 2023 APPROPRIATIONS ACT (NEW).

Senate: Amend Tabled A1

Senate: Amend Tabled A2

Senate: Amend Tabled A3

Senate: Amend Tabled A4

Senate: Amend Tabled A5

Senate: Amend Tabled A6

Senate: Amend Tabled A7

Senate: Amend Tabled A8

Senate: Passed 2nd Reading

Senate: Passed 3rd Reading

H 556: TENANCY IN COME-NOTARY/SMALL CLAIMS CHANGES. (NEW)

House: Ref To Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

H 563: HEMP-DERIVED CONSUMABLES/CON SUB CHANGES. (NEW)

Senate: Amend Adopted A5

Senate: Amend Adopted A6

Senate: Amend Adopted A7

Senate: Amend Adopted A8

Senate: Passed 3rd Reading

Senate: Engrossed

H 564: SECOND AMENDMENT FINANCIAL PRIVACY ACT.

House: Withdrawn From Com

House: Re-ref to the Com on Banking, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

H 593: VARIOUS LOCAL LAWS (NEW).

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Re-ref to Finance. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate

Senate: Reptd Fav

Senate: Re-ref Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

Senate: Reptd Fav

Senate: Placed on Today's Calendar

Senate: Amend Adopted A1

Senate: Passed 2nd Reading

Senate: Passed 2nd Reading

H 690: NO CENTRL BANK DIGITAL CURRENCY PMTS TO STATE. (NEW)

Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

Senate: Com Substitute Adopted

Senate: Re-ref Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

H 900: SUBSTITUTE CERTAIN CIHS PARTNERS/WAKE.

House: Ref To Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

H 912: 2024 UNC SELF-LIQUIDATING CAPITAL PROJECTS.

House: Ratified

H 971: HUMAN TRAFFICKING CHANGES. (NEW)

House: Ref To Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

H 982: FAITH IN MENTAL HEALTH PILOT PROGRAM.

House: Serial Referral To Appropriations Stricken

House: Withdrawn From Com

House: Re-ref Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

S 88: VARIOUS ELECTIONS CHANGES (NEW).

Senate: Reptd Fav

S 90: SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND TRANSITION. (NEW)

Senate: Withdrawn From Cal

Senate: Placed On Cal For 06/25/2024

S 166: 2024 BLDG. CODE REGULATORY REFORM. (NEW)

Senate: Failed Concur In H Com Sub

S 319: CAPTIVE INSURANCE REVISIONS/ONLINE AUCTIONS. (NEW)

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Placed on Today's Calendar

Senate: Concurred In H Com Sub

Senate: Ordered Enrolled

S 355: NORTH CAROLINA FARM ACT OF 2024. (NEW)

Senate: Conf Com Appointed

S 425: HHS OMNIBUS. (NEW)

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Placed on Today's Calendar

Senate: Failed Concur In H Com Sub

S 559: ENABLE CERTAIN CHARTER SCHOOLS TO ELECT SHP. (NEW)

Senate: Withdrawn From Cal

Senate: Placed On Cal For 06/25/2024

S 607: TEMPORARY SOLUTIONS PROGRAM CHANGES.

House: Withdrawn From Com

House: Re-ref to the Com on Regulatory Reform, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

S 630: VARIOUS CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS (NEW).

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Re-ref to Finance. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate

Senate: Reptd Fav

Senate: Re-ref Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

LOCAL BILLS

H 909: VARIOUS LOCAL PROVISIONS I. (NEW)

Senate: Passed 3rd Reading

H 911: VARIOUS LOCAL PROVISIONS II. (NEW)

Senate: Amend Adopted A1

Senate: Passed 3rd Reading

Senate: Engrossed

H 1061: CREEDMOOR/ANNEXATION & DEANNEXATION.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Re-ref to Finance. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate

Senate: Reptd Fav

Senate: Re-ref Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

H 1064: VARIOUS LOCAL PROVISIONS III (NEW).

Senate: Reptd Fav

Senate: Withdrawn From Cal

Senate: Placed on Today's Calendar

Senate: Amendment Withdrawn A1

Senate: Motion to Divide Question Failed

Senate: Amend Tabled A2

Senate: Amend Adopted A3

Senate: Passed 2nd Reading

S 902: DURHAM COUNTY OCCUPANCY TAX MODIFICATIONS.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Re-ref to Finance. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate

Senate: Reptd Fav

Senate: Re-ref Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

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