

## The Daily Bulletin: 2025-01-30

### PUBLIC/HOUSE BILLS

H 28 (2025-2026) [GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION ACT](#). Filed Jan 30 2025, *AN ACT TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF POSSESSING A FIREARM OR WEAPON OF MASS DEATH AND DESTRUCTION BY A FELON DURING THE COMMISSION OR ATTEMPTED COMMISSION OF A FELONY.*

Enacts GS 14-415.1A creating the criminal offense of possession of certain weapons by felon during the commission or attempted commission of a felony. Defines *brandish*, *firearm*, and *weapon of mass death and destruction*. Makes it unlawful for any person who is prohibited pursuant to GS 14-415.1 (general prohibition on possession of firearms by felon) from possessing a firearm or a weapon of mass death and destruction to possess a firearm or weapon of mass death and destruction during the commission or attempted commission of certain felonies. Specifies that unless the conduct is covered under some other provision of law providing a greater punishment, a person who violates the section is guilty of the following: a Class C felony if the person discharges the firearm or weapon of mass death and destruction during the commission or attempted commission of the felony; a Class D felony if the person brandishes the firearm or weapon of mass death and destruction during the commission or attempted commission of the felony; and a Class F felony for any other violations. Prohibits merger of the offense with other offenses.

Amends GS 14-415.1 (prohibiting possession of firearms by a felon) to specify that a violation of GS 14-415.1 is not a lesser included offense of GS 14-415.1A. Changes the penalty for violations of GS 14-415.1 to a Class F felony (was, Class G felony). Effective December 1, 2025, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

**Intro. by Balkcom, Carson Smith, Miller, Pyrtle.**

[GS 14](#)

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[Courts/Judiciary, Criminal Justice, Criminal Law and Procedure](#)

H 29 (2025-2026) [USE TRIBAL ID FOR ALCOHOL & TOBACCO PURCHASE](#). Filed Jan 30 2025, *AN ACT TO ALLOW THE USE OF A TRIBAL ENROLLMENT CARD ISSUED BY A STATE OR FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED INDIAN TRIBE WHEN MAKING ALCOHOL OR TOBACCO PURCHASES.*

Amends GS 18B-302 (prohibiting the sale of malt beverages, unfortified wine, wine, spirituous liquor, or mixed beverages to anyone less than 21 years old) and GS 14-313 (regulating youth access to tobacco products, tobacco-derived products, vapor products, and cigarette wrapping papers) to add tribal enrollment cards issued by a State or federally recognized Indian Tribe to the list of acceptable identification of purchasers or prospective purchasers. Makes a clarifying change to GS 14-313. Applies to offenses committed and purchases made on or after December 1, 2025.

**Intro. by Clappitt.**

[GS 14, GS 18B](#)

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[Alcoholic Beverage Control, Courts/Judiciary, Criminal Justice, Criminal Law and Procedure, Government, Native Americans](#)

### PUBLIC/SENATE BILLS

S 31 (2025-2026) [THE WELLS ACT](#). Filed Jan 30 2025, *AN ACT TO FACILITATE THE ELIMINATION OF NONRESPONSIVE BOARDS, COMMITTEES, AND COMMISSIONS*.

Directs the Legislative Library (Library) to send a request for documentation (i.e., the current membership, last reported minutes, current bylaws, and a listing of the entities to which reports are to be submitted) and confirmation of activity to all boards, committees, and commissions that have not expired or been repealed. Directs the Library to compile a list of any entity that fails to respond within 120 days or responds, but has not met within the past 12 months and to send that list to the Joint Legislative Administrative Procedure Oversight Committee (Committee). Directs the Committee to recommend legislation to the 2026 Regular Session of the 2025 General Assembly to repeal those entities on the list.

**Intro. by Burgin, Brinson, Jones.**

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**Government, APA/Rule Making, General Assembly**

S 37 (2025-2026) [HERTFORD COUNTY RURAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY](#). Filed Jan 30 2025, *AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE HERTFORD COUNTY TO ESTABLISH A RURAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY*.

As title indicates.

**Intro. by Hanig.**

Hertford

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**Development, Land Use and Housing, Community and Economic Development**

S 38 (2025-2026) [HERTFORD COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT](#). Filed Jan 30 2025, *AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE MONEY TO HERTFORD COUNTY FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT*.

Appropriates \$51 million from the General Fund to Hertford County for 2025-26 and allows the county to allocate those funds to the Hertford County Rural Development Authority (RDA). Directs the RDA to use the funds as follows: (1) \$40 million to construct a public industrial dock and barge at the future "Hertford County River Industrial Park" at the described address named the Flowers site and (2) \$11 million for road construction at the Flowers site. Specifies that the appropriated funds do not revert at the end of the fiscal year but remain available for expenditure until the earlier of either the date the funds are spent or June 30, 2027. Effective July 1, 2025.

**Intro. by Hanig.**

APPROP, Hertford

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**Development, Land Use and Housing, Community and Economic Development, Government, Budget/Appropriations**

S 39 (2025-2026) [GSC ADD MEMBER FROM HIGH POINT LAW SCHOOL](#). Filed Jan 30 2025, *AN ACT TO ADD A MEMBER FROM THE HIGH POINT UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW TO THE GENERAL STATUTES COMMISSION, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL STATUTES COMMISSION*.

Amends GS 164-14, increasing the membership of the General Statutes Commission (Commission) from 13 to 14 by adding an appointee of the dean of the school of law of High Point University to the Commission. Makes conforming and technical changes.

**Intro. by Galey, Jones.**

GS 164

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**Courts/Judiciary, Education, Higher Education**

## LOCAL/SENATE BILLS

S 28 (2025-2026) [39TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT LOCAL ACT-1](#). Filed Jan 30 2025, *AN ACT RELATING TO THE 39TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT*.

Blank bill.

**Intro. by Salvador.**

[Mecklenburg](#)

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S 29 (2025-2026) [6TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT LOCAL ACT-1](#). Filed Jan 30 2025, *AN ACT RELATING TO THE 6TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT*.

Blank bill.

**Intro. by Lazzara.**

[Onslow](#)

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S 30 (2025-2026) [8TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT LOCAL ACT-1](#). Filed Jan 30 2025, *AN ACT RELATING TO THE 8TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT*.

Blank bill.

**Intro. by Rabon.**

[Brunswick, Columbus, New Hanover](#)

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S 32 (2025-2026) [11TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT LOCAL ACT-1](#). Filed Jan 30 2025, *AN ACT RELATING TO THE 11TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT*.

Blank bill.

**Intro. by Barnes.**

[Franklin, Nash, Vance](#)

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S 33 (2025-2026) [26TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT LOCAL ACT-1](#). Filed Jan 30 2025, *AN ACT RELATING TO THE 26TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT*.

Blank bill.

**Intro. by Berger.**

[Guilford, Rockingham](#)

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S 34 (2025-2026) [7TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT LOCAL ACT-1](#). Filed Jan 30 2025, *AN ACT RELATING TO THE 7TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT*.

Blank bill.

**Intro. by Lee.**

[New Hanover](#)

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S 35 (2025-2026) [MODIFY LOCAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD](#). Filed Jan 30 2025, *AN ACT TO MODIFY THE DUTIES OF THE NORTHEASTERN WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD*.

Requires the Northeastern Workforce Development Board serving Dare, Currituck, Camden, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Chowan, Gates, Hyde, Tyrrell, and Washington Counties under GS 143B-438.11 to annually designate the providers of adult and dislocated worker services authorized in the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (was, had to do this by July 1, 2014, with no annual requirement) and removes the requirement that the designation be made through a competitive selection process.

**Intro. by Hanig.**

[Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Hyde, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Tyrrell, Washington, GS 143B](#)

[View summary](#)

[Employment and Retirement](#)

S 36 (2025-2026) [CHINA GROVE EVEN YEAR ELECTIONS](#). Filed Jan 30 2025, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE TOWN OF CHINA GROVE SHALL BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS*.

Amends Article III of the Charter of the Town of China Grove (SL 2002-42) as follows. Directs that all regular municipal elections will held on even-numbered years (was, odd-numbered years). Extends the terms of the town's Aldermen by one-year as follows: (1) for those three aldermen whose terms are set to expire in 2025 to 2026 and (2) for the other two alderman and the mayor whose terms are set to expire in 2027 to 2028. Re-staggers terms so that three Alderman seats will come up for reelection starting in 2026 and two seats in 2028 and quadrennially thereafter. Amends the mayor's term so that the seat will come up for reelection starting in 2028 and quadrennially thereafter. (Currently, elections were staggered with two alderman seats and the mayoral seat up for reelection starting 2003 and quadrennially thereafter with the other three alderman seats up for reelection starting in 2005 and quadrennially thereafter.) Directs the town not to hold municipal elections until 2025. Sets starting year for regular municipal elections as 2026, to continue biennially thereafter. Applies to elections held on or after the act becomes law.

**Intro. by Ford.**

[Rowan](#)

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[Government, Elections](#)

## ACTIONS ON BILLS

## PUBLIC BILLS

**H 2: ENTRY FEES FOR HS INTERSCHOLASTIC EVENTS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 4: SAM'S LAW.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 5: NC CONSTITUTIONAL CARRY ACT.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 7: NC REACH ACT.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 8: NC MANAGING ENVIRONMENTAL WASTE ACT OF 2025.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 9: FIREARM DISCHARGE/PREEMPT LOCAL ORDINANCE.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 10: STUDY STATE TRAVEL ALLOWANCE REIMBURSEMENTS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 11: NO TAX ON TIPS, OVERTIME, BONUS PAY.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 12: OBSERVE STANDARD TIME ALL YEAR.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 13: CHARGES FOR PAYMENTS BY CREDIT OR DEBIT CARD.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 14: GAMBLING LOSSES TAX DEDUCTION.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 15: SUPPORT PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 16: GENERAL ASSEMBLY: IN GOD WE TRUST - DISPLAY.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 20: FAIR MAPS ACT.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 21: DRIVERS LICENSE DESIGNATION/AUTISM.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 22: FIRE INVESTIGATION LAW REVISIONS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 23: ALLOW STANLY COMM. COLL. CULINARY OFF CAMPUS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 24: RESTORE DOWN-ZONING AUTHORITY.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 28: GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION ACT.**

*House: Filed*

**H 29: USE TRIBAL ID FOR ALCOHOL & AMP TOBACCO PURCHASE.**

*House: Filed*

**S 10: MOBILE DRIVERS LICENSES.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

*Senate: Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate*

**S 13: CLARIFY INSURANCE FEE REFERRAL CAP.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

*Senate: Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate*

**S 14: CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT/REPEAL LITERACY TEST.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

*Senate: Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate*

**S 15: ADOPT BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN/STATE MARINE MAMMAL.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

*Senate: Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate*

**S 19: VARIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL AMENDMENTS.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

*Senate: Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate*

**S 20: PROHIBITING CERTAIN MASS BALLOON RELEASES.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

*Senate: Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate*

**S 24: GOVT MANDATES INCREASE HEALTHCARE COSTS.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

*Senate: Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate*

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

*Senate: Re-ref to Health Care. If fav, re-ref to Pensions and Retirement and Aging. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate*

**S 31: THE WELLS ACT.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 37: HERTFORD COUNTY RURAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 38: HERTFORD COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 39: GSC ADD MEMBER FROM HIGH POINT LAW SCHOOL.**

*Senate: Filed*

**LOCAL BILLS**

**H 3: SIMPSON ELECTION CHANGES - EVEN YEARS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 6: ORIENTAL ELECTION CHANGES - EVEN YEARS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 17: EXTEND TERM OF MAYOR/TOWN OF MADISON.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 25: RESTORE DOWN-ZONING AUTH./STANLY & AMP CATAWBA.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 3: 4TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT LOCAL ACT-1.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

*Senate: Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate*

**S 4: 48TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT LOCAL ACT-1.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

*Senate: Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate*

**S 5: 29TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT LOCAL ACT-1.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

*Senate: Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate*

**S 6: 31ST SENATORIAL DISTRICT LOCAL ACT-1.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

*Senate: Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate*

**S 7: 34TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT LOCAL ACT-1.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

*Senate: Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate*

**S 8: 3RD SENATORIAL DISTRICT LOCAL ACT-1.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

*Senate: Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate*

**S 9: 1ST SENATORIAL DISTRICT LOCAL ACT-1.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

*Senate: Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate*

**S 12: 35TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT LOCAL ACT-1.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

*Senate: Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate*

**S 16: 25TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT LOCAL ACT-1.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

*Senate: Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate*

**S 17: 9TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT LOCAL ACT-1.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

*Senate: Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate*

**S 18: 46TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT LOCAL ACT-1.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

*Senate: Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate*

**S 21: 49TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT LOCAL ACT-1.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

*Senate: Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate*

**S 22: 33RD SENATORIAL DISTRICT LOCAL ACT-1.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

*Senate: Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate*

**S 23: 12TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT LOCAL ACT-1.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

*Senate: Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate*

**S 25: 45TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT LOCAL ACT-1.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

*Senate: Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate*

**S 26: 47TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT LOCAL ACT-1.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

*Senate: Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate*

**S 27: RESTORE DOWN-ZONING AUTH./MULTIPLE COUNTIES.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

*Senate: Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate*

**S 28: 39TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT LOCAL ACT-1.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 29: 6TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT LOCAL ACT-1.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 30: 8TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT LOCAL ACT-1.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 32: 11TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT LOCAL ACT-1.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 33: 26TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT LOCAL ACT-1.**

*Senate: Filed*



**S 34: 7TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT LOCAL ACT-1.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 35: MODIFY LOCAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 36: CHINA GROVE EVEN YEAR ELECTIONS.**

*Senate: Filed*

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