

May 30, 2000

H 1854. COURT COSTS FOR TECHNOLOGY (=S 1506). *TO INCREASE COURT COSTS AND DEVOTE THE INCREASE TO THE COURT INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FUND.* Identical to S 1506, introduced 05/30/00.

Intro. by Miller, Culpepper, Gray, and Tolson.

Ref. to Finance	GS 7A
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June 7, 2000

H 1854. 2000 FEE BILL. Intro. 05/25/00. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Changes title to AN ACT TO SET THE PUBLIC UTILITY REGULATORY FEES AND THE INSURANCE REGULATORY CHARGE, TO INCREASE COURT COSTS, TO INCREASE JAIL FEES FOR PERSONS PAYING JAIL FEES PURSUANT TO PROBATIONARY SENTENCES, AND TO INCREASE THE FEE IMPOSED FOR EMERGENCY PLANNING. Effective July 1, 2000, sets percentage rate for calculating public utility regulatory fee under GS 62-302(b)(2) at .09 percent of North Carolina jurisdictional revenues earned each quarter, and sets annual fee imposed on The North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation under GS 62-302(b1) at \$200.00 for fiscal year 2000-2001. Sets insurance regulatory charge under GS 58-6-25 at 7 percent. Amends GS 7A-313, effective July 1, 2000, to make jail fees ordered pursuant to a probationary sentence the same as the per diem rate paid by the Dep't of Correction to local jails for maintaining a prisoner as set by the General Assembly in its appropriations acts. Amends GS 166-6.1(b), effective July 1, 2000, to increase from \$18,000 to \$36,000 the emergency planning fee for fixed nuclear facilities. Deletes provisions requiring State Treasurer to credit increase in court costs to the Court Information Technology Fund.

June 21, 2000

H 1854. COURT COSTS FOR TECHNOLOGY. Intro. 05/30/00. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 2nd edition: Changes title to "AN ACT TO SET THE PUBLIC UTILITY REGULATORY FEES AND THE INSURANCE REGULATORY CHARGE, TO INCREASE COURT COSTS, TO INCREASE JAIL FEES FOR PERSONS PAYING JAIL FEES PURSUANT TO PROBATIONARY SENTENCES, TO INCREASE THE FEE IMPOSED FOR EMERGENCY PLANNING, TO AUTHORIZE CERTAIN CHANGES IN PERMITS FOR OVERSIZE LOADS, AND TO ESTABLISH PENALTIES FOR PERMIT VIOLATIONS.

Amends GS 166A-6.1(b) to increase from \$18,000 to \$36,000 the annual fee paid by those licensed to construct a nuclear facility producing electricity. Fee must be paid to the Dept. of Crime Control and Public Safety for the use of the Division of Radiation Protection Program of the Dept. of Environment and Natural Resources for each nuclear facility located in this state or that has a Plume Exposure Pathway Emergency Planning Zone any part of which is in this state. Effective July 1, 2000

Revises fees for oversize load permits and penalties imposed by Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV), NC Dept. of Transportation (NCDOT). Amends GS 20-119(d) to allow NCDOT to assess a separate civil penalty against the vehicle's registered owner as follows: (1) \$500 for operating without a permit, moving a load off of specified route, falsifying information to obtain permit, failing to comply with permit's dimensional restrictions, or failing to comply with escort vehicle requirements; (2) \$250 for moving loads beyond distances allowed by permit when moving house trailers from retailer's premises or for violating travel restrictions; and (3) \$100 for any other violation of permit conditions or requirements. Also allows NCDOT to refuse additional permits if offenses described in (1) and (2) above committed. Adds GS 20-140(f) to establish class 2 misdemeanor for reckless driving if driver of loaded commercial vehicle subject to permit drives carelessly or heedlessly or without due caution and circumspection. Adds new GS 20-141(j3) to add class 2 misdemeanor if driver of loaded commercial vehicle subject to permit drives at a speed in excess of 15 miles per hour above either the posted speed or the restricted speed specified by permit requirements. Amends GS 20-16(c) to assign 6 points to the driver's record for committing either of the class 2 misdemeanors just mentioned. Amends GS 20-17.4(d) to make these misdemeanors a "serious violation" for purposes of disqualifying one from driving a commercial vehicle. Amends GS 20-119(b) to revise permit fees for special permits for oversize

or overweight vehicles as follows: (1) increases fee for single trip permit from \$10 to \$12 for each vehicle dimension over the lawful limit up to 132,000 pounds; (2) requires a single trip surcharge for vehicles weighing over 132,000 pounds of \$3 for each 1,000 pounds over 132,000 pounds; (3) establishes an annual permit fee of \$200 to move house trailers and \$100 to move other commodities; and (4) establishes a nonrefundable fee of \$100 for permits for which an engineering study of the move's impact is required. Directs NCDOT, by Dec. 1, 2002, to review and compare the revenue generated by the permit fees and the cost of administering the program and report to the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee how permit fee revenues and costs may be brought into alignment. Changes in permit fees become effective July 1, 2000

June 22, 2000

H 1854. 2000 FEE BILL. Intro. 5/25/00. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 3rd edition. Changes title to "AN ACT TO SET THE PUBLIC UTILITY REGULATORY FEES AND THE INSURANCE REGULATORY CHARGE, TO INCREASE COURT COSTS, TO INCREASE JAIL FEES FOR PERSONS PAYING JAIL FEES PURSUANT TO PROBATIONARY SENTENCES, TO INCREASE THE FEE IMPOSED FOR EMERGENCY PLANNING, TO AUTHORIZE CERTAIN CHANGES IN PERMITS FOR OVERSIZED LOADS AND ESTABLISH PENALTIES FOR PERMIT VIOLATIONS, TO AUTHORIZE AGENCIES TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO SERVICES THROUGH ELECTRONIC AND DIGITAL TRANSACTIONS AND TO IMPOSE A FEE FOR THOSE TRANSACTIONS, AND TO REPEAL THE SUNSET OF THE WHITE GOODS TAX AND DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO STUDY ISSUES RELATED TO THE SCRAP TIRE DISPOSAL TAX AND THE WHITE GOODS DISPOSAL TAX." Adds GS 66-58.12 to authorize public agencies to determine which of its services shall be made available to the public through electronic means, including the Internet, and to charge a fee to cover the cost of electronic transactions. Fee must be approved by the Information Resource Management Comm'n, in consultation with the Joint Legislative Comm'n on Governmental Operations. Amends SL 1998-24 to repeal sunset, and to provide that Dep't of Environment and Natural Resources shall study issues related to the scrap tire disposal tax and the white goods disposal tax with report and recommendations to Environmental Review Comm'n no later than October 1, 2000. Sets forth effective dates for various sections of act.

June 27, 2000

H 1854. 2000 FEE BILL. Intro. 5/25/00. Senate amendment makes the following changes to 4th edition. Removes judicial department from section authorizing public agencies to offer services electronically and charge fees for electronic access.

July 6, 2000

H 1854. 2000 FEE BILL. Intro. 05/30/00. Conference report recommends the following changes to 5th edition to reconcile matters in controversy. Adds provision that for purposes of the subsection concerning use of revenue derived from fees, the term "public agencies" does not include "a county, unit, special district, or other political subdivision of government."