

March 17, 2005

H 681. RELIGIOUS FREEDOM RESTORATION ACT. TO ENACT THE NORTH CAROLINA RELIGIOUS FREEDOM RESTORATION ACT. Adds new GS Chapter 143C to require that any state or local governmental action that substantially burdens a person's exercise of religion must be based on a compelling governmental interest and be the least restrictive means of furthering that interest. Allows assertion of rights established by chapter in judicial proceedings and allows attorneys fees to individuals prevailing in these actions. Specifies that statute is not intended to interpret state or federal constitutional provisions dealing with religious freedom. Effective July 1, 2005.

Intro. by Capps.

Ref. to Judiciary I

GS 143C