

March 3, 2005

S 327. NC STATE BAR CHANGES/FEES. TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE STATUTES REGARDING THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR AND TO PROVIDE THE STATE BAR WITH EXPLICIT STATUTORY AUTHORITY TO IMPOSE FEES TO SUPPORT ITS WORK. Enacts new GS 84-4.1(8) requiring that as a condition of being admitted for the limited purpose of appearing in a NC proceeding, out-of-state attorneys must pay \$25 fee to the Administrative Office of the Courts for use by NC State Bar to regulate practice of those attorneys. Amends GS 84-18.1(b) to authorize district bars to charge a late fee of up to \$30 for late payment of district bar dues. Inserts provision in GS 84-28.1(b) permitting Bar disciplinary hearing commission or its committees to require the payment of costs by attorney who is disciplined or is found to be incapacitated or disabled. Grants Bar Council authority to maintain an annual registry of interstate and international law firms doing business in State. Amends GS 84-23.1(b1) to require annual registration renewal by organizations offering prepaid legal plans and enacts new GS 84-23.1(b2) requiring that these plans pay initial registration and annual renewal fee in an amount determined by the Council. Adds final orders of the Council in Bar reinstatement matters to those orders that can be appealed to the NC Court of Appeals under GS 84-28(h). Amends GS 84-34(a) to increase maximum NC State Bar membership fee which can be charged by Council from \$200 to \$300. Enacts new GS 84-34(b) authorizing Council to charge attorney reinstatement fee; a fee for registration and annual renewal of an interstate or international law firm; an attendance fee for continuing legal education (CLE) programs; a late fee for failure to file CLE annual report form or pay attendance fees, or for failure to complete CLE requirements; and an administrative fee for attorneys against whom discipline has been imposed. Makes technical changes. Effective July 1, 2005.

Intro. by Rand.

Ref. to Judiciary I

GS 84

June 14, 2005

S 327. NC STATE BAR CHANGES/FEES. Intro. 3/3/05. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Deletes proposed GS 84-4.1(8) and incorporates additional \$25 fee to regulate the practice of out-of-state attorneys into GS 84-4.1(7). Decreases proposed late fee in GS 84-81.1(b) from \$30 to \$15. Deletes amendments to GS 84-28(h) and GS 84-34(a). Deletes new GS 84-34(b) and incorporates those provisions authorizing the NC State Bar Council to charge certain additional fees into GS 84-34.

July 7, 2005

S 327. NC STATE BAR CHANGES/FEES. Intro. 3/3/05. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Changes the effective date of act from July 1, 2005, to the date on which act becomes law and provides that act applies to fees assessed on or after that date.

September 21, 2005

SL 2005-396 (S 327). NC STATE BAR CHANGES/FEES. AN ACT TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE STATUTES REGARDING THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR AND TO PROVIDE THE STATE BAR WITH EXPLICIT STATUTORY AUTHORITY TO IMPOSE FEES TO SUPPORT ITS WORK. Summarized in *Daily Bulletin* 3/3/05, 6/14/05, and 7/7/05. Enacted September 14, 2005. Effective September 14, 2005.