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**H 1229. COUNTY/CITY SOLID WASTE COLLECTION.** Filed 3/28/07. REQUIRING COUNTIES AND CITIES TO PROVIDE REASONABLY EQUITABLE GARBAGE COLLECTION SERVICE TO SINGLE-FAMILY AND MULTIFAMILY DWELLINGS WITH PROPERTY TAXES LEVIED TO PROVIDE THE SERVICE AND TO ESTABLISH REASONABLY EQUITABLE SERVICE AND FEES FOR GARBAGE COLLECTION SERVICE WHEN OPERATING A PUBLIC ENTERPRISE FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING THE SERVICE.

Enacts GS 153A-149(h) to provide that if a county levies property taxes to provide solid waste services, the county must provide a reasonably equitable level of solid waste services to all single-family and multi-family dwellings within the county and may not charge multi-family dwellings any additional costs or fees for the services that are not also charged single-family dwellings. Amends GS 153A-277(a) to provide that if a county provides solid waste collection and disposal services through a public enterprise, it likewise must provide a reasonably equitable level of service and must establish a schedule of fees that reflects the level of service provided. Makes comparable changes for cities in new GS 160A-209(i) and amended GS 160A-314(a). **Intro. by Gibson, Moore.** GS 153A, 160A