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Short Title: Counties/Periodic Availability Charge. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Burr.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT AUTHORIZING COUNTIES TO CHARGE A PERIODIC AVAILABILITY  
3 CHARGE FOR WATER OR SEWER SERVICE AVAILABLE TO DEVELOPED  
4 PROPERTY IN LIEU OF REQUIRING CONNECTION TO THE SERVICE LINES.  
5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:  
6 SECTION 1. G.S. 153A-284 reads as rewritten:  
7 "§ 153A-284. Power to require connections.  
8 (a) A county may require the owner of developed property on which there are situated  
9 one or more residential dwelling units or commercial establishments located so as to be served  
10 by a water line or sewer collection line owned, leased as lessee, or operated by the county or on  
11 behalf of the county to connect the owner's premises with the water or sewer line and may fix  
12 charges for these connections. In lieu of requiring connection under this subsection, the county  
13 may require payment of a periodic availability charge, not to exceed the minimum periodic  
14 service charge for properties that are connected.  
15 (b) In the case of improved property that would qualify for the issuance of a building  
16 permit for the construction of one or more residential dwelling units or commercial  
17 establishments and where the county has installed water or sewer lines or a combination thereof  
18 directly available to the property, the county may require payment of a periodic availability  
19 charge, not to exceed the minimum periodic service charge for properties that are connected."  
20 SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.

