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SENATE BILL DRS35049-LMf-19

Short Title: Repeat Ordinance Violators/Taxi Ordinances. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Lazzara, Sawrey, and McInnis (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT REPEALING THE PROHIBITION ON CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR VIOLATING
3 CITY ORDINANCES REGULATING TAXIS AND PROVIDING THAT REPEAT
4 VIOLATORS OF CITY ORDINANCES MAY BE HELD RESPONSIBLE AND SUBJECT
5 TO A FINE.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 160A-175 reads as rewritten:

8 "**§ 160A-175. Enforcement of ordinances.**

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10 (b1) No ordinance of the following types may impose a criminal penalty:

11 ...

12 (7) ~~Any ordinance adopted pursuant to G.S. 160A-304, Regulation of taxis.~~

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14 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 14-4 reads as rewritten:

15 "**§ 14-4. Violation of local ordinances misdemeanor.**

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17 (c) A person may not be found responsible or guilty of a local ordinance violation
18 punishable pursuant to subsection (a) of this section if, when tried for that violation, the person
19 produces proof of compliance with the local ordinance through any of the following:

20 (1) No new alleged violations of the local ordinance within 30 days from the date
21 of the initial alleged violation. However, if there was an alleged violation of
22 the local ordinance within the 12 months preceding the new alleged violations,
23 a person may be found responsible or guilty of a local ordinance violation
24 punishable pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

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26 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2023, and applies to offenses
27 committed on or after that date.

