

## **2007 Legislation with Effective Dates from July 1, 2007 through January 1, 2008**

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Following is a list of the major public law provisions enacted in 2007 with effective dates from July 1, 2007 through January 1, 2008. Please Note: This is not a comprehensive list. For additional assistance please contact a member of the Legislative Library staff at (919) 733-9390.

### **2007 Legislation 'Effective July 1, 2007'**

**The following public law provisions were enacted during the 2007 Session with an effective date of July 1, 2007.**

**[S.L. 2007-13](#) (SB 153) Mattamuskeet Lodge Maintenance.**

AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT THE FEDERAL LAKE MATTAMUSKEET LODGE PRESERVATION ACT BY ACCEPTING THE TRANSFER AND PROVIDING THAT AFTER REPAIRS AND RENOVATIONS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL RESOURCES THE PROPERTY SHALL BE TRANSFERRED TO AND MANAGED BY THE WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION. [See Section 2]

**[S.L. 2007-59](#) (SB 260) Schools Provide Info on Cervical Cancer.**

AN ACT TO ENSURE THAT EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS ARE PROVIDED SO THAT SCHOOLS PROVIDE INFORMATION TO PARENTS AND GUARDIANS CONCERNING CERVICAL CANCER, CERVICAL DYSPLASIA, HUMAN PAPILLOMAVIRUS, AND THE VACCINES AVAILABLE TO PREVENT THESE DISEASES. [Entire Act]

**[S.L. 2007-69](#) (HB 328) Flexible Payment/Law Enforcement Separation.**

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE A MORE FLEXIBLE PAYMENT SCHEDULE FOR THE SPECIAL SEPARATION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS. [Entire Act]

**[S.L. 2007-107](#) (HB 36) Haz. Materials Task Force Recommendations.**

AN ACT TO IMPROVE THE OVERSIGHT OF HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITIES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR'S HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TASK FORCE. [See Sections 4.1, 5.1, 5.2 & 5.3]

**[S.L. 2007-114](#) (SB 862) UNC Smoke Free.**

AN ACT TO ALLOW REGULATION OF SMOKING ON THE CAMPUSES OF THE UNC HEALTH CARE SYSTEM, THE FACILITIES OF THE EAST CAROLINA SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AND PHYSICIANS PRACTICE PLAN, AND THE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS OF THE CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA. [Entire Act]

**[S.L. 2007-117](#) (SB 1119) State Budget Act/Technical Correction.**

AN ACT TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS IN THE STATE BUDGET ACT, TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS IN CERTAIN OTHER STATUTES THAT WERE AMENDED BECAUSE CONFORMING CHANGES WERE REQUIRED BY THE ENACTMENT OF THE

STATE BUDGET ACT, TO TRANSFER THE PROVISIONS CURRENTLY IN THE EXECUTIVE BUDGET ACT REGARDING FLEXIBLE COMPENSATION TO CHAPTER 126 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES AND CLARIFY THAT THOSE PROVISIONS CONTINUE TO APPLY TO THE SAME STATE EMPLOYEES, AND TO CLARIFY THAT THE PROVISIONS REGARDING DISCONTINUED SERVICE RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE AND SEVERANCE WAGES FOR CERTAIN STATE EMPLOYEES THAT CURRENTLY APPEAR IN THE EXECUTIVE BUDGET ACT BUT THAT ARE TRANSFERRED TO CHAPTER 126 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007, SHALL CONTINUE TO COVER THE SAME STATE EMPLOYEES. [See Sections 1, 7 & 8]

**S.L. 2007-118 (HB 107) Abandoned Cemeteries.**

AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE STATUTES RELATING TO ABANDONED AND NEGLECTED CEMETERIES. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-127 (HB 737) Insurance Financial Omnibus Act.**

AN ACT to MAKE CHANGES IN THE LAWS RELATING TO THE MONITORING OF SOLVENCY OF INSURANCE COMPANIES AND OTHER RISK-BEARING ENTITIES REGULATED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE. [See Sections 1-7 & 19]

**S.L. 2007-142 (HB 1758) Mercury Switch Removal Prgm. Amends.**

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAWS GOVERNING THE REMOVAL OF MERCURY SWITCHES FROM VEHICLES. [See Sections 3, 4, 8 & 9]

**S.L. 2007-144 (SB 254) HAVA Funds/Delay Ticket To Work.**

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO USE HAVA FUNDS AND DELAYING THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE TICKET TO WORK PROGRAM. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-153 (SB 1472) Revised Dist. of Scrap Tire Disposal Tax.**

AN ACT TO AMEND THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE PROCEEDS OF THE SCRAP TIRE DISPOSAL TAX TO INCREASE FUNDS ALLOCATED TO COUNTIES FOR THE DISPOSAL OF SCRAP TIRES, TO INCREASE FUNDS ALLOCATED TO THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT TRUST FUND, AND TO DECREASE FUNDS ALLOCATED TO THE SCRAP TIRE DISPOSAL ACCOUNT. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-162 (SB 930) Private Correctional Officers.**

AN ACT TO REVISE THE LAW GRANTING AUTHORITY TO PRIVATE CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS EMPLOYED PURSUANT TO A CONTRACT WITH THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-164 (SB 830) DOT Maintenance Program/DMV Registration.**

AN ACT TO DEVELOP PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND TO MODIFY MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-166 (HB 583) Modify Comm. Coll. Lateral Entry Process.**

AN ACT TO MODIFY THE REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN A COMMUNITY COLLEGE LATERAL ENTRY PROGRAM. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-179 (SB 659) Officials Forfeit Pensions for Felonies.**

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT ELECTED OFFICIALS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, OR THE CONSOLIDATED JUDICIAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM SHALL FORFEIT THEIR PENSIONS UPON CONVICTION OF A STATE OR FEDERAL OFFENSE INVOLVING PUBLIC CORRUPTION OR A FELONY VIOLATION OF ELECTION LAWS. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-194 (SB 738) Registration and Length Exemptions.**

AN ACT TO EXEMPT FOR-HIRE VEHICLES USED FOR CERTAIN AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES FROM THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS, TO INCREASE THE ALLOWED LENGTH OF TRUCKS THAT TRANSPORT COTTON, AND TO CLARIFY THAT FARM EQUIPMENT INCLUDES TRUCKS THAT TRANSPORT COTTON. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-233 (HB 1414) Creditable Service/Uniformed Serv. Employees.**

AN ACT TO REVISE THE LAW PROVIDING FOR CREDITABLE SERVICE IN THE TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR MEMBERS WHO SERVED IN THE UNIFORMED SERVICES. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-245 (HB 676) Increase Register of Deeds' Pension.**

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM ANNUAL PENSION BENEFIT PAYABLE THROUGH THE REGISTER OF DEEDS' SUPPLEMENTAL PENSION FUND AND TO MAKE OTHER ADJUSTMENTS TO THE FUND. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-252 (SB 632) Repeal Black Mtn Advancement Ctr for Women.**

AN ACT TO REPEAL THE LAW ESTABLISHING THE BLACK MOUNTAIN ADVANCEMENT CENTER FOR WOMEN. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-323 (HB 1473) 2007 Appropriations Act.**

AN ACT TO MAKE BASE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT OPERATIONS OF STATE DEPARTMENTS, INSTITUTIONS, AND AGENCIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. [See Sections 7.5, 7.26, 9.4, 9.5, 9.18, 10.13(f), 10.35(c), 13.4, 23.4, 28.1, 28.4-28.10, 28.12, 28.14, 28.15, 28.19, 30.8, 31.10, 31.13, 31.20(b) & (c), 32.6]

**S.L. 2007-345 (HB 714) 2007 Budget Technical Corrections Act.**

AN ACT TO MAKE TECHNICAL, CLARIFYING, AND OTHER MODIFICATIONS TO THE CURRENT OPERATIONS AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2007. [See Sections 14.6 & 15]

**S.L. 2007-348 (HB 1111) Clarify State Government Ethics Act.**

AN ACT TO MAKE CLARIFYING CHANGES TO THE STATE GOVERNMENT ETHICS ACT, THE LEGISLATIVE ETHICS ACT, AND THE LOBBYING LAWS. [See Sections 9 & 44]

**S.L. 2007-367 (SB 1065) Comm. Coll. Tuition Surcharge/Scholarships.**

AN ACT AUTHORIZING COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO IMPLEMENT A TUITION SURCHARGE AND TO USE ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS TO OFFSET THE COST OF A TUITION SURCHARGE. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-378 (SB 914) Teachers Convert Personal Leave to Sick Leave.**

AN ACT TO GIVE TEACHERS CREDIT FOR THE EXCESS PERSONAL LEAVE TIME THAT THEY EARN AND TO ENSURE THAT TEACHERS CAN TAKE PERSONAL LEAVE WITH FIVE DAYS' NOTICE. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-386 (SB 661) ABC Election-Cities in Two Counties.**

AN ACT TO AMEND ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL ELECTION LAWS TO ALLOW CITIES WHICH ARE LOCATED IN MORE THAN ONE COUNTY TO HAVE A CITYWIDE ELECTION FOR MIXED BEVERAGES. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-397 (SB 3) Promote Renewable Energy/Baseload Generation.**

AN ACT TO: (1) PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF RENEWABLE ENERGY AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN THE STATE THROUGH IMPLEMENTATION OF A RENEWABLE ENERGY AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY PORTFOLIO STANDARD (REPS), (2) ALLOW RECOVERY OF CERTAIN NONFUEL UTILITY COSTS THROUGH THE FUEL CHARGE ADJUSTMENT PROCEDURE, (3) PROVIDE FOR ONGOING REVIEW OF CONSTRUCTION COSTS AND FOR RECOVERY OF COSTS IN RATES IN A GENERAL RATE CASE, (4) ADJUST THE PUBLIC UTILITY AND ELECTRIC MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION REGULATORY FEES, (5) PROVIDE FOR THE PHASEOUT OF THE TAX ON THE SALE OF ENERGY TO NORTH CAROLINA FARMERS AND MANUFACTURERS, AND (6) ALLOW A TAX CREDIT TO CONTRIBUTORS TO 501(C)(3) ORGANIZATIONS FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY PROPERTY. [See Sections 9 & 16]

**S.L. 2007-431 (HB 777) Retirement Technical Changes.**

AN ACT TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS AND OTHER CHANGES TO THE STATUTES GOVERNING THE TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE LEGISLATIVE RETIREMENT SYSTEM, AND THE CONSOLIDATED JUDICIAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-446 (HB 73) Improve State Construction Process.**

AN ACT TO IMPROVE THE STATE CAPITAL FACILITIES PROGRAM BY DIRECTING THE STATE BUILDING COMMISSION TO REVIEW THE PROGRAM AND IMPLEMENT MEASURES TO REDUCE DELAYS AND INCREASE ACCOUNTABILITY AMONG THE PARTIES TO THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION PROCESS, BY INCREASING THE BIDDING AND DESIGNER SELECTION THRESHOLDS FOR STATE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS, AND BY DIRECTING THE STATE PERSONNEL OFFICE TO CONDUCT A MARKET STUDY OF ARCHITECT AND ENGINEERING POSITION CLASSIFICATIONS. [See Sections 4-8]

**S.L. 2007-448 (SB 1365) Amend Wildlife Conservation Account.**

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT INTEREST EARNED ON THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION ACCOUNT SHALL BE CREDITED TO THE ACCOUNT. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-465 (HB 1912) School Bus Retrofits in Nonattainment Areas.**

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A PILOT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR LOCAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS TO RETROFIT SCHOOL BUSES IN ORDER TO REDUCE DIESEL EMISSIONS FROM CERTAIN DIESEL SCHOOL BUSES REGISTERED IN COUNTIES

LOCATED IN AREAS DESIGNATED AS NONATTAINMENT OR MAINTENANCE FOR OZONE OR PARTICULATE MATTER. [See Sections 6 & 7]

**S.L. 2007-477 (HB 63) Property Tax – School Capital Leases.**

AN ACT TO EXCLUDE FROM PROPERTY TAX REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY THAT IS SUBJECT TO A CAPITAL LEASE WITH A LOCAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT.

[See Section 2]

**S.L. 2007-483 (SB 103) Various Special License Plates.**

AN ACT TO ELIMINATE THE REQUIREMENT OF THREE HUNDRED APPLICATIONS BEFORE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES IS AUTHORIZED TO PRODUCE THE GOLD STAR SPECIAL PLATE AND TO ELIMINATE THE ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THE GOLD STAR SPECIAL PLATE; TO CHANGE THE RECIPIENT OF FUNDS FROM THE OMEGA PSI PHI SPECIAL PLATE FROM THE UNITED NEGRO COLLEGE FUND, INC.... [See Section 6]

**S.L. 2007-496 (HB 779) Increase Contributory Death Benefit.**

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE CONTRIBUTORY DEATH BENEFIT PAYABLE ON BEHALF OF RETIRED MEMBERS OF THE TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE LEGISLATIVE RETIREMENT SYSTEM, AND THE CONSOLIDATED JUDICIAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-504 (HB 627) Extend Pilot/Clarify LME Functions/LME Admin.**

AN ACT TO MAKE CHANGES TO AND STRENGTHEN THE MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES SYSTEM WITH RESPECT TO: THE FIRST COMMITMENT PILOT PROGRAM; LME FUNCTIONS, ADMINISTRATION, AND BOARD MEMBERSHIP; THE COMMISSION FOR MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY AND PROFESSIONAL STAFFING; THE QUALITY AND ACCESS OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES; AND REQUIREMENTS PERTAINING TO LME BUSINESS PLANS. [See Section 1.3 & 3]

**S.L. 2007-510 (HB 1828) Strengthen Judicial Fund.**

AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN THE MATCHING FUNDS PROVISION OF THE JUDICIAL PUBLIC CAMPAIGN ACT; AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR IMPLEMENTATION.

[See Sections 3 & 4]

**S.L. 2007-523 (SB 1465) Swine Farm Env. Performance Standards.**

AN ACT TO (1) CODIFY AND MAKE PERMANENT THE SWINE FARM ANIMAL WASTE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM PERFORMANCE STANDARDS THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ENACTED IN 1998, (2) PROVIDE FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF A LAGOON THAT IS AN IMMINENT HAZARD, (3) ASSIST FARMERS TO VOLUNTARILY CONVERT TO INNOVATIVE ANIMAL WASTE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS, AND (4) ESTABLISH THE SWINE FARM METHANE CAPTURE PILOT PROGRAM. [See Sections 3 & 6]

**S.L. 2007-527 (SB 540) Revenue Laws & Motor Fuels Tax Tech. Changes.**

AN ACT TO MAKE TECHNICAL, CLARIFYING, AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES TO THE REVENUE LAWS, MOTOR FUELS TAX LAWS, AND RELATED STATUTES.

[See Section 13]

**S.L. 2007-532 (HB 265) Establish Health Insurance Risk Pool.**

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NORTH CAROLINA HEALTH INSURANCE RISK POOL.

[See Sections 2.1, 2.2, 3 & 8]

**S.L. 2007-540 (HB 1517) Voter-Owned Elections Pilot.**

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A PILOT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE CANDIDATES FOR CERTAIN COUNCIL OF STATE OFFICES WITH THE OPTION OF FINANCING THEIR CAMPAIGNS FROM A PUBLICLY SUPPORTED FUND, PROVIDED THAT THEY GAIN AUTHORIZATION TO DO SO FROM REGISTERED VOTERS AND THAT THEY ABIDE BY STRICT FUND-RAISING AND SPENDING LIMITS; AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO FINANCE THE PROGRAM. [See Sections 5 & 6]

**S.L. 2007-552es (HB 4) Job Maintenance and Capital Development Fund.**

AN ACT TO CREATE AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TOOL TO RETAIN HIGH-QUALITY JOBS IN THE STATE BY PROVIDING GRANT INCENTIVES FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO BUSINESSES THAT ARE PROPORTIONALLY RELATED TO EMPLOYEE RETENTION WITHIN THE STATE FOR POSITIONS MEETING CERTAIN WAGE, INSURANCE, HEALTH, ENVIRONMENTAL, AND OTHER RELEVANT STANDARDS. [Entire Act]

**2007 Legislation 'Effective August 1, 2007'**

**The following public law provisions were enacted during the 2007 Session with an effective date of August 1, 2007.**

**S.L. 2007-212 (HB 21) Recovery of Costs in Civil Cases.**

AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE COURT'S DISCRETION TO ALLOW COURT COSTS.

[Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-280 (HB 648) Correction Enterprises.**

AN ACT TO REVISE AND RECODIFY THE LAW AUTHORIZING THE DIVISION OF CORRECTION ENTERPRISES WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION.

[Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-323 (HB 1473) 2007 Appropriations Act.**

AN ACT TO MAKE BASE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT OPERATIONS OF STATE DEPARTMENTS, INSTITUTIONS, AND AGENCIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

[See Sections 30.1, 30.2, 30.3, 30.8(a)-(f) & (k)-(l), 30.9, 30.10(a)-(c) & (e)-(h), 30.11(a), (b) & (e)]

**S.L. 2007-325 (HB 1415) Disability Benefits.**

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT A MEMBER OF THE TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM SHALL NOT BE DENIED SHORT-TERM DISABILITY BENEFITS DUE TO AN ABSENCE FOR MILITARY SERVICE AND TO AMEND THE LAW PROVIDING LONG-TERM DISABILITY BENEFITS FOR MEMBERS OF THE TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM. [See Sections 2-4]

**S.L. 2007-345 (HB 714) 2007 Budget Technical Corrections Act.**

AN ACT TO MAKE TECHNICAL, CLARIFYING, AND OTHER MODIFICATIONS TO THE CURRENT OPERATIONS AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2007.

[See Sections 9.1(b) & (d)]

**S.L. 2007-382 (SB 924) School Bus Safety Act Correction.**

AN ACT TO CHANGE THE ELEMENT MAKING PASSING A STOPPED SCHOOL BUS AND STRIKING A PERSON A FELONY FROM REQUIRING "SERIOUS BODILY INJURY" AND REMOVING THE REQUIREMENT OF SIGNAGE BEING AT LEAST EIGHT INCHES FROM THE DEFINITION OF SCHOOL BUS TO CORRESPOND TO THE CHANGES MADE TO G.S. 20-217 IN THE 2005 SESSION AND REQUIRING THAT SCHOOL BUSES BE PAINTED YELLOW. [See Sections 3 & 4]

**S.L. 2007-513 (SB 1351) Clarify MV Franchise Laws/Dealer Termination.**

AN ACT TO CLARIFY MOTOR VEHICLE FRANCHISE LAWS AS THEY RELATE TO AUTOMOBILE DEALER WARRANTY OBLIGATIONS, CIVIL ACTIONS FOR VIOLATIONS, COERCION, AND INSTALLMENT SALES; AND TO REQUIRE THAT FAIR COMPENSATION BE PAID TO FRANCHISED MOTOR VEHICLE DEALERS TERMINATED AS A RESULT OF INDUSTRY REORGANIZATION. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-528 (SB 692) Boxing Advisory Commission.**

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE BOXING ADVISORY COMMISSION.  
[Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-550 (SB 1492) Solid Waste Management Act of 2007.**

AN ACT TO: (1) CLARIFY THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH AN APPLICATION FOR A SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PERMIT MAY BE DENIED; (2) PROVIDE THAT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PERMITS ARE NOT TRANSFERABLE WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES; (3) INCREASE THE PENALTIES THAT MAY BE IMPOSED FOR SOLID WASTE VIOLATIONS; ....

[See Sections 1-13]

## **2007 Legislation 'Effective September 1, 2007'**

**The following public law provisions were enacted during the 2007 Session with an effective date of September 1, 2007.**

**S.L. 2007-79 (SB 197) Remove Sunset/Debt Management for Consumers.**

AN ACT TO REPEAL THE SUNSET OF THE 2005 AMENDMENTS TO THE LAW THAT STRENGTHENED THE PROTECTION OF CONSUMERS SEEKING ASSISTANCE WITH MANAGING THEIR DEBTS. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-209 (SB 1350) Clarify MV Registration Requirements.**



AN ACT TO CLARIFY MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS. [See Sections 2 & 5]

**S.L. 2007-263 (HB 27) Duty to Report Child Porn.**

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT A FILM AND PHOTOGRAPHIC PRINT PROCESSOR OR A COMPUTER TECHNICIAN WHO, IN THE PERSON'S SCOPE OF EMPLOYMENT, OBSERVES AN IMAGE OF A MINOR OR A PERSON WHO REASONABLY APPEARS TO BE A MINOR ENGAGING IN SEXUAL ACTIVITY MUST REPORT THE NAME OF THE PERSON REQUESTING THE PROCESSING OF THE FILM OR PHOTOGRAPHS OR IN POSSESSION OF THE COMPUTER TO THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR MISSING AND EXPLOITED CHILDREN OR TO THE APPROPRIATE LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-323 (HB 1473) 2007 Appropriations Act.**

AN ACT TO MAKE BASE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT OPERATIONS OF STATE DEPARTMENTS, INSTITUTIONS, AND AGENCIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. [See Sections 30.6(a) & (c)]

**S.L. 2007-358 (SB 882) Industrial Comm. Investigations/Sworn LEOS**

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION TO EMPLOY SWORN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO PERFORM FRAUD INVESTIGATIONS. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-523 (SB 1465) Swine Farm Env. Performance Standards.**

AN ACT TO (1) CODIFY AND MAKE PERMANENT THE SWINE FARM ANIMAL WASTE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM PERFORMANCE STANDARDS THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ENACTED IN 1998, (2) PROVIDE FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF A LAGOON THAT IS AN IMMINENT HAZARD, (3) ASSIST FARMERS TO VOLUNTARILY CONVERT TO INNOVATIVE ANIMAL WASTE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS, AND (4) ESTABLISH THE SWINE FARM METHANE CAPTURE PILOT PROGRAM. [See Sections 1, 2, 4, 5 & 6]

**S.L. 2007-530 (SB 1362) Amend Dry-Cleaning Solvent Cleanup Act.**

AN ACT TO AMEND THE DRY-CLEANING SOLVENT CLEANUP ACT TO CLARIFY THE DEFINITION OF DRY-CLEANING SOLVENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE USE OF FUNDS FROM THE DRY-CLEANING SOLVENT CLEANUP FUND FOR THE INVESTIGATION OF INACTIVE HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL SITES REASONABLY BELIEVED TO BE CONTAMINATED BY DRY-CLEANING SOLVENT, TO PROVIDE THAT ALL SITE WORK WILL BE PERFORMED BY A PRIVATE CONTRACTOR RETAINED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMISSION, TO MODIFY THE FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO POTENTIALLY RESPONSIBLE PARTIES, TO AUTHORIZE TEMPORARY RULE MAKING, AND TO INCREASE THE ANNUAL SPENDING CAP FOR THE CLEANUP OF SITES. [See Section 15(a)]

## **2007 Legislation 'Effective October 1, 2007'**

**The following public law provisions were enacted during the 2007 Session with an effective date of October 1, 2007.**



**S.L. 2007-24 (HB 502) Repeal Chiropractic Special Provision.**

AN ACT TO REPEAL A BUDGET SPECIAL PROVISION CONCERNING HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN CO-PAYMENTS FOR CHIROPRACTIC SERVICES. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-54 (HB 552) Firemen's Relief Fund Immunity.**

AN ACT TO PROVIDE QUALIFIED IMMUNITY FOR PERSONS SERVING ON LOCAL BOARDS OF TRUSTEES OF THE FIREMEN'S RELIEF FUND OF NORTH CAROLINA. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-93 (SB 1248) Northeastern NC Regional Econ. Dev. Comm.**

AN ACT TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE NORTHEASTERN NORTH CAROLINA REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION TO NORTH CAROLINA'S NORTHEAST COMMISSION. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-95 (SB 611) Recodify Service Agreements Laws.**

AN ACT TO RECODIFY THE LAWS COVERING SERVICE AGREEMENTS. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-96 (SB 1246) Prohibit Baiting of Bears.**

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT PLACEMENT OF PROCESSED FOODS IN AREAS WHERE THE WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION HAS SET AN OPEN SEASON FOR TAKING BLACK BEARS. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-100 (HB 1243) Courtroom Procedures/Juvenile Proceedings.**

AN ACT TO CREATE A PROCEDURE BY WHICH DETERMINATION IS MADE TO RESTRAIN JUVENILES IN THE COURTROOM. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-105 (SB 880) Bail Bonds/Amend Forfeiture Requirement.**

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT A BOND FORFEITURE SHALL BE SET ASIDE IF THE DEFENDANT FAILED TO APPEAR BECAUSE THE DEFENDANT WAS INCARCERATED ANYWHERE IN THE UNITED STATES. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-106 (SB 947) Uniform Trust Code Changes.**

AN ACT TO MAKE TECHNICAL, CONFORMING, AND OTHER CHANGES TO THE UNIFORM TRUST CODE AND OTHER RELATED STATUTES. [Entire Act & See Section 56]

**S.L. 2007-107 (HB 36) Haz. Materials Task Force Recommendations.**

AN ACT TO IMPROVE THE OVERSIGHT OF HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITIES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR'S HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TASK FORCE. [See Sections 1.1, 1.3, 1.4, 1.6, 1.8, 1.9 & 6.3]

**S.L. 2007-116 (SB 30) DV Victims/Add Protections.**

AN ACT TO AMEND LAWS TO PROVIDE GREATER PROTECTION FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-124 (SB 1337) Amend Dental Hygiene Act.**

AN ACT AMENDING THE NORTH CAROLINA DENTAL HYGIENE ACT TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN ACTIVITIES TO BE PERFORMED BY LICENSED HYGIENISTS OUTSIDE THE DIRECT SUPERVISION OF A DENTIST. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-127 (HB 737) Insurance Financial Omnibus Act.**

AN ACT TO MAKE CHANGES IN THE LAWS RELATING TO THE MONITORING OF SOLVENCY OF INSURANCE COMPANIES AND OTHER RISK-BEARING ENTITIES REGULATED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE. [See Sections 15 & 19]

**S.L. 2007-129 (HB 1617) Investigations of Deadly Force.**

AN ACT TO REQUIRE INVESTIGATIONS OF THE USE OF DEADLY FORCE BY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-132 (HB 775) Revise Simultaneous Death Act.**

AN ACT TO REVISE THE UNIFORM SIMULTANEOUS DEATH ACT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL STATUTES COMMISSION. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-147 (HB 1340) Amateur Radio Antennas.**

AN ACT TO RECOGNIZE THE VALUE OF AMATEUR RADIO COMMUNICATIONS BY REQUIRING CITY AND COUNTY ORDINANCES REGULATING ANTENNAS TO REASONABLY ACCOMMODATE AMATEUR RADIO COMMUNICATIONS. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-151 (HB 865) Remove Barriers to Interstate Adoption.**

AN ACT TO REMOVE BARRIERS TO ADOPTION FOR RESIDENTS OF OTHER STATES SEEKING TO ADOPT CHILDREN IN NORTH CAROLINA UNDER THE LAWS PERTAINING TO TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS AND ADOPTION. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-152 (HB 866) Expand Reach of Courts/Term. Parental Rights.**

AN ACT TO EXPAND THE REACH OF NORTH CAROLINA COURTS IN PROCEEDINGS TO TERMINATE THE PARENTAL RIGHTS OF NONRESIDENT PARENTS OF RESIDENT CHILDREN. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-170 (SB 1055) Consumers' Rebates Redemption Deadline.**

AN ACT TO REQUIRE REBATES TO BE MAILED TO CONSUMERS WITHIN A CERTAIN TIME FRAME AND TO REQUIRE THE DISCLOSURE OF THE TERMS OF THE REBATE OFFERS. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-175 (HB 1634) Custody/Visitation/Military Orders.**

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH CUSTODY, VISITATION, EXPEDITED HEARING, AND ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS PROCEDURES WHEN A PARENT RECEIVES MILITARY TEMPORARY DUTY, DEPLOYMENT, OR MOBILIZATION ORDERS. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-189 (HB 584) ITS/Employee Background Investigations/IT Board.**

AN ACT MAKING EMPLOYEES AND PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES OF THE OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES SUBJECT TO BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIONS; EXEMPTING FROM THE PUBLIC RECORDS LAWS THE CRIMINAL HISTORIES OF AGENCY SECURITY LIAISONS AND PERSONNEL IN THE OFFICE OF STATE AUDITOR,

AND MAKING CONFORMING CHANGES, AND TO CHANGE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY BOARD. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-210 (HB 244) Civil Jury Selection/Equal Challenges.**

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR EQUITY BETWEEN THE PARTIES WITH RESPECT TO JUROR CHALLENGES IN CIVIL CASES. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-228 (SB 881) Define Residency Requirements/Bail Bondsmen.**

AN ACT TO DEFINE THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE UNDER THE LAWS PERTAINING TO BAIL BONDSMEN AND RUNNERS AND TO MAKE OTHER STYLISTIC CHANGES. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-232 (HB 1359) Immunity/Vets Reporting Animal Cruelty.**

AN ACT TO PROVIDE VETERINARIANS WITH IMMUNITY FROM LIABILITY FOR REPORTING ANIMAL CRUELTY. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-244 (HB 257) Streamlined Sales Tax Changes.**

AN ACT TO AMEND THE SALES TAX DEFINITIONS TO COMPLY WITH THE STREAMLINED SALES TAX AGREEMENT AND TO MAKE OTHER SALES TAX CHANGES. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-246 (HB 833) Rename Firemen's Relief Fund.**

AN ACT TO RENAME THE FIREMEN'S RELIEF FUND THE FIREFIGHTERS' RELIEF FUND IN RECOGNITION OF THE NUMEROUS FEMALE FIREFIGHTERS WHO SERVE. [See Section 8.1]

**S.L. 2007-247 (HB 1338) Raise Project Limits/Elec./Gen. Contractors.**

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS BOARD TO RAISE THE PROJECT VALUE LIMITS FOR LICENSE CLASSIFICATIONS UNDER THE LAWS REGULATING ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS AND TO RAISE THE PROJECT VALUE LIMITS FOR LICENSE CLASSIFICATIONS UNDER THE LAWS REGULATING GENERAL CONTRACTORS. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-276 (HB 698) Amend Child Welfare Laws/Comply with Fed Laws.**

AN ACT TO AMEND EXISTING CHILD WELFARE LAWS TO COMPLY WITH FEDERAL LAW AND REGULATIONS. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-279 (SB 670) Use of Solar Collectors.**

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT CITY ORDINANCES, COUNTY ORDINANCES, AND DEED RESTRICTIONS, COVENANTS, AND OTHER SIMILAR AGREEMENTS CANNOT PROHIBIT OR HAVE THE EFFECT OF PROHIBITING THE INSTALLATION OF SOLAR COLLECTORS NOT FACING PUBLIC ACCESS OR COMMON AREAS ON DETACHED SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCES. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-288 (SB 527) Contracts with Automatic Renewal Clauses.**

AN ACT TO REQUIRE BUSINESSES THAT SELL PRODUCTS OR SERVICES TO CONSUMERS PURSUANT TO CONTRACTS THAT AUTOMATICALLY RENEW UNLESS THE CONSUMERS CANCEL THE CONTRACTS TO DISCLOSE THE RENEWAL CLAUSES.

[Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-296 (HB 1646) Increase Penalties for Air Pollution.**

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF LAWS TO PROTECT AIR QUALITY. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-300 (HB 730) Mediation of Property Insurance Claims.**

AN ACT TO MAKE TECHNICAL AND SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES IN THE LAWS GOVERNING MEDIATION OF PROPERTY INSURANCE CLAIMS ARISING OUT OF DISASTERS.

[Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-302 (HB 1536) Limit Liability of LPG Dealer/Certain Others.**

AN ACT TO LIMIT THE LIABILITY OF DEALERS OF LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS AND THEIR EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, AND SUBCONTRACTORS UNDER CERTAIN SPECIFIED CIRCUMSTANCES. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-303 (HB 735) Construction Plan Review.**

AN ACT TO STREAMLINE THE CONSTRUCTION PLAN REVIEW PROCESS FOR CERTAIN PUBLIC BUILDINGS, AS REQUESTED BY THE HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-323 (HB 1473) 2007 Appropriations Act.**

AN ACT TO MAKE BASE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT OPERATIONS OF STATE DEPARTMENTS, INSTITUTIONS, AND AGENCIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. [See Sections 6.23(a) & (d), 10.13(c), 10.36(a)(2), 10.36(c)(4), 10.36(d)(21), 28.22(a), 30.4, 30.5, 31.7, 31.14, 31.16.1(a) & (d), 31.22]

**S.L. 2007-326 (HB 956) Retired Teachers Work.**

AN ACT TO MODIFY THE PROVISION THAT PERMITS RETIRED TEACHERS TO RETURN TO THE CLASSROOM WITHOUT A LOSS OF RETIREMENT BENEFITS.

[See Sections 1-2, 4-6]

**S.L. 2007-347 (HB 1110) State Government Ethics Act Technical Changes.**

AN ACT TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES TO THE STATE GOVERNMENT ETHICS ACT, THE LEGISLATIVE ETHICS ACT, AND THE LOBBYING LAW. [See Sections 6 & 17]

**S.L. 2007-353 (HB 947) NC Foreclosure/Landlord Tenant Laws.**

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT A NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS BE SENT TO CERTAIN TENANTS RESIDING IN THE PROPERTY TO BE SOLD, TO ALLOW THOSE TENANTS AFTER RECEIVING THE NOTICE TO TERMINATE THE RENTAL AGREEMENT UPON TEN DAYS' WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE LANDLORD, TO REQUIRE THAT THOSE TENANTS BE GIVEN THIRTY DAYS' NOTICE OF AN APPLICATION FOR AN ORDER FOR POSSESSION, AND TO CLARIFY THAT THE PROCEEDS IN THE AUTOMATION ENHANCEMENT AND PRESERVATION FUND MAY BE USED FOR THE PRESERVATION AND STORAGE OF PUBLIC RECORDS. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-361 (HB 589) Poultry Products Inspection.**

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR CIVIL PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE POULTRY PRODUCTS INSPECTION ACT. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-368 (SB 1240) Sales Tax Exemption for Baked Goods.**

AN ACT TO ENSURE THAT ALL BREAD SOLD AT A BAKERY THRIFT STORE IS TAXED AT THE SAME SALES TAX RATE. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-370 (SB 1211) Require Fingerprinting for DWI/DWLR.**

AN ACT TO REQUIRE FINGERPRINTING OF ANY PERSON ARRESTED FOR ANY OFFENSES INVOLVING IMPAIRED DRIVING OR FOR DRIVING WHILE LICENSE REVOKED. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-391 (HB 1743) Election Amendments.**

AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE PERJURY PROVISION IN CAMPAIGN FINANCE STATUTES; TO PROVIDE CIVIL PENALTIES FOR DECEPTIVE LATE FILING OF CAMPAIGN REPORTS; TO REPEAL THE THREE-THOUSAND-DOLLAR PRESUMPTION OF A COMMITTEE'S MAJOR PURPOSE; .... [See Section 26]

**S.L. 2007-392 (SB 320) Statewide Certification of HUBS.**

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE SECRETARY OF ADMINISTRATION TO DEVELOP AND ADMINISTER A STATEWIDE UNIFORM CERTIFICATION PROGRAM FOR HISTORICALLY UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESSES DOING BUSINESS WITH STATE DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES, AND INSTITUTIONS, AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OF THE STATE. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-393 (SB 1130) Open Discovery/AOC Changes.**

AN ACT CLARIFYING THAT DEFENDANTS MUST HAVE ACCESS TO THE COMPLETE FILES OF ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT, TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE STATE BUDGET ACT AS IT APPLIES TO THE JUDICIAL BRANCH, TO ADD A NEW DUTY TO THE DIRECTOR'S POWERS AND DUTIES, TO MODIFY OR REPEAL CERTAIN STATUTES RELATED TO DRUG TREATMENT COURTS, TO MAKE CLARIFYING CHANGES FOR CONTINUING TRAINING FOR MAGISTRATES, TO ESTABLISH A PILOT PROGRAM ALLOWING JURORS TO WAIVE PAYMENT OF PER DIEM FEES AND DESIGNATE FEES FOR OTHER SERVICES. [See Sections 1-14, 16 & 17]

**S.L. 2007-397 (SB 3) Promote Renewable Energy/Baseload Generation.**

AN ACT TO: (1) PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF RENEWABLE ENERGY AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN THE STATE THROUGH IMPLEMENTATION OF A RENEWABLE ENERGY AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY PORTFOLIO STANDARD (REPS), (2) ALLOW RECOVERY OF CERTAIN NONFUEL UTILITY COSTS THROUGH THE FUEL CHARGE ADJUSTMENT PROCEDURE, (3) PROVIDE FOR ONGOING REVIEW OF CONSTRUCTION COSTS AND FOR RECOVERY OF COSTS IN RATES IN A GENERAL RATE CASE, (4) ADJUST THE PUBLIC UTILITY AND ELECTRIC MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION REGULATORY FEES, (5) PROVIDE FOR THE PHASEOUT OF THE TAX ON THE SALE OF ENERGY TO NORTH CAROLINA FARMERS AND MANUFACTURERS, AND (6) ALLOW A TAX CREDIT TO CONTRIBUTORS TO 501(C)(3) ORGANIZATIONS FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY PROPERTY. [See Sections 10(a)-(c) & (i), 11(a) & (f), 12(a) & (e) & 16]

**S.L. 2007-407 (SB 1117) Civil Trial Exhibits.**

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE PRESIDING TRIAL JUDGE IN CIVIL CASES HAS THE SOLE DISCRETION TO DETERMINE WHETHER JURORS MAY TAKE INTO THE JURY ROOM EXHIBITS INTRODUCED INTO EVIDENCE AND PASSED TO THE JURY IN THE COURSE OF THE TRIAL, PHOTOGRAPHS ADMITTED INTO EVIDENCE, SHOWN TO THE JURY AND USED BY ANY WITNESSES IN THEIR TESTIMONY, AND ANY ILLUSTRATIVE EXHIBIT ADMITTED INTO EVIDENCE AND USED BY ANY WITNESSES IN THEIR TESTIMONY EXCEPT SUMMARIES OF TESTIMONY, LISTS MADE IN THE COURTROOM AND SUCH SIMILAR DOCUMENTS AND THAT THE CONSENT OF ALL PARTIES IS NOT NECESSARY, AND TO PROVIDE THAT DEPOSITIONS MAY ONLY BE TAKEN INTO THE JURY ROOM WITH CONSENT OF THE PARTIES. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-411 (HB 535) Criminal Background Reviews- EMS Personnel.**

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE CRIMINAL BACKGROUND REVIEWS FOR CURRENT AND FUTURE EMS PERSONNEL. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-415 (SB 806) Increase Hold for Items by Pawnbroker.**

AN ACT TO LENGTHEN THE TIME GOODS PURCHASED BY PAWNBROKERS MUST BE HELD BEFORE RESALE. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-418 (HB 1381) Resp. Care Bd./Bd. Of med. License Fees.**

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE NORTH CAROLINA RESPIRATORY CARE BOARD TO RAISE THE CEILING ON CERTAIN LICENSURE FEES AND AUTHORIZING THE NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD TO ESTABLISH AND INCREASE CERTAIN FEES.  
[See Sections 2-9 & 10]

**S.L. 2007-458 (HB 1148) Identify Juvenile Escapees.**

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION TO RELEASE THE IDENTIFICATION OF CERTAIN JUVENILES WHO ESCAPE FROM CUSTODY. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-459 (HB 1294) No Smoking/LTC Facilities.**

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT SMOKING INSIDE LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES.  
[See Section 5]

**S.L. 2007-462 (HB 1328) Req. Disclosure/Sex Offenders/Child Custody.**

AN ACT REQUIRING A PERSON CONVICTED OF A SEX OFFENSE WHO IS PURSUING CHILD CUSTODY EX PARTE TO DISCLOSE THE CONVICTION IN THE PLEADINGS.  
[Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-483 (SB 103) Various Special License Plates.**

AN ACT TO ELIMINATE THE REQUIREMENT OF THREE HUNDRED APPLICATIONS BEFORE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES IS AUTHORIZED TO PRODUCE THE GOLD STAR SPECIAL PLATE AND TO ELIMINATE THE ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THE GOLD STAR SPECIAL PLATE; TO CHANGE THE RECIPIENT OF FUNDS FROM THE OMEGA PSI PHI SPECIAL PLATE FROM THE UNITED NEGRO COLLEGE FUND, INC.... [See Section 8]

**S.L. 2007-489 (HB 726) Amend Electrolysis Practice Act/Fees.**

AN ACT ALLOWING THE NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF ELECTROLYSIS EXAMINERS TO PROVIDE FOR THE LICENSURE OF LASER HAIR PRACTITIONERS AND LASER HAIR PRACTITIONER INSTRUCTORS UPON MEETING CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD AND AUTHORIZING THE BOARD TO CHARGE FEES RELATED TO THOSE CERTIFICATIONS. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-500 (HB 487) Exemption for Baler Twine From Sales Tax.**

AN ACT TO EXEMPT BALER TWINE FROM THE SALES AND USE TAX. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-502 (HB 634) Advance Directives/Health Care POA.**

AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE RIGHT TO MAKE ADVANCE DIRECTIVES AND TO DESIGNATE HEALTH CARE AGENTS; AND TO IMPROVE AND SIMPLIFY THE MEANS OF MAKING THESE DIRECTIVES AND DESIGNATIONS. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-504 (HB 627) Extend Pilot/Clarify LME Functions/LME Admin.**

AN ACT TO MAKE CHANGES TO AND STRENGTHEN THE MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES SYSTEM WITH RESPECT TO: THE FIRST COMMITMENT PILOT PROGRAM; LME FUNCTIONS, ADMINISTRATION, AND BOARD MEMBERSHIP; THE COMMISSION FOR MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY AND PROFESSIONAL STAFFING; THE QUALITY AND ACCESS OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES; AND REQUIREMENTS PERTAINING TO LME BUSINESS PLANS. [See Section 2.1, 2.3 & 3]

**S.L. 2007-506 (SB 1485) Amend NC Appraisers Act/Fees.**

AN ACT AMENDING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS UNDER THE NORTH CAROLINA APPRAISERS ACT, ELIMINATING THE CATEGORY OF LICENSED RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE APPRAISER, AND AUTHORIZING THE NORTH CAROLINA APPRAISAL BOARD TO ESTABLISH AND INCREASE CERTAIN FEES. [See Sections 1-5 & 7-13]

**S.L. 2007-507 (SB 1527) Amend Insurance Laws/Producers and Bail Bonds.**

AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES IN THE LAWS RELATING TO LICENSING OF INSURANCE PRODUCERS AND BAIL BONDSMEN; TO MAKE CHANGES IN THE FEE STRUCTURES FOR AGENTS AND ADJUSTERS; TO AUTHORIZE THE OUTSOURCING OF CERTAIN FUNCTIONS RELATING TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF CONTINUING EDUCATION AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROGRAMS; TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE TO STUDY ISSUES RELATED TO LIFE INSURANCE BENEFICIARY NOTIFICATION; TO EXEMPT INSURERS FROM AUTOMATIC RENEWAL DISCLOSURE CLAUSE REQUIREMENTS; TO INSTITUTE A METHOD OF STREAMLINING CERTAIN APPEALS OF DISPUTES BETWEEN LOCAL INSPECTORS AND PERSONS SUBJECT TO THE STATE BUILDING CODE AND TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE TO ISSUE ITS DECISION ON THESE LIMITED APPEALS WITHIN TEN BUSINESS DAYS; AND TO MAKE OTHER SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES. [See Sections 17 & 19]

**S.L. 2007-509 (SB 301) Expunge DWI Civil Revocation.**

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT RECORDS OF A CIVIL REVOCATION OF DRIVERS LICENSES SHALL BE EXPUNGED FROM AN INDIVIDUAL'S DRIVING RECORD IF THE UNDERLYING



CRIMINAL CHARGE IS EXPUNGED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 5 OF CHAPTER 15A OF THE GENERAL STATUTES. [See Sections 1, 2 & 4]

**S.L. 2007-511 (SB 854) Amend Private Protective Services Act.**

AN ACT AMENDING THE PRIVATE PROTECTIVE SERVICES ACT AND AMENDING THE FIREARMS LAWS AFFECTING ARMED SECURITY GUARDS. [See Sections 1-11 & 13]

**S.L. 2007-512 (HB 943) Updating of Jury List.**

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE STATE REGISTRAR TO ASSIST COUNTY JURY COMMISSIONS IN UPDATING THEIR LISTS OF PROSPECTIVE JURORS BY PROVIDING A LIST OF RESIDENTS OF EACH COUNTY WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY; TO REQUIRE THE STATE REGISTRAR TO PROVIDE THE COMMISSIONER OF MOTOR VEHICLES WITH A LIST OF RESIDENTS OF THE STATE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY; AND TO EXCLUDE FROM THE LISTS PROVIDED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO COUNTY JURY COMMISSIONS THE NAMES OF PERSONS WHOSE DRIVERS LICENSES HAVE BEEN EXPIRED FOR AT LEAST EIGHT YEARS AND WHO HAVE BEEN INACTIVE VOTERS FOR AT LEAST EIGHT YEARS. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-514 (HB 316) Amend Civil Procedure Rule 45.**

AN ACT TO AMEND RULE 45 OF THE RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE TO ESTABLISH AN OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE NOTICE TO ALL PARTIES TO AN ACTION OF RECEIPT OF MATERIAL PRODUCED IN COMPLIANCE WITH A SUBPOENA, AND TO PROVIDE A REASONABLE OPPORTUNITY TO INSPECT SUCH MATERIAL. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-516 (HB 1659) Criminal History Checks/DPI Employees.**

AN ACT AUTHORIZING CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECKS OF EMPLOYEES OF AND APPLICANTS FOR EMPLOYMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-524 (SB 1272) Motor Fuel Tax Exemption For Biodiesel.**

AN ACT TO EXEMPT BIODIESEL THAT IS PRODUCED BY AN INDIVIDUAL FOR PERSONAL USE IN A PRIVATE PASSENGER VEHICLE FROM THE MOTOR FUEL EXCISE TAX. [See Sections 1 & 3]

**S.L. 2007-525 (SB 864) Amend Chiropractic Practice Act.**

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHIROPRACTIC PRACTICE ACT TO REQUIRE CRIMINAL RECORD CHECKS ON APPLICANTS FOR LICENSURE AS CHIROPRACTIC PHYSICIANS, TO PROHIBIT CHIROPRACTORS FROM OFFERING ENTICEMENTS TO PROSPECTIVE PATIENTS, TO EXPAND THE GROUNDS FOR PROFESSIONAL DISCIPLINE OF CHIROPRACTORS; TO AMEND THE PERFUSIONIST LICENSURE ACT, AND TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE APPOINTING PROCESS FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF OPTICIANS. [See Sections 1-13 & 15]

**S.L. 2007-527 (SB 540) Revenue Laws & Motor Fuels Tax Tech. Changes.**

AN ACT TO MAKE TECHNICAL, CLARIFYING, AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES TO THE REVENUE LAWS, MOTOR FUELS TAX LAWS, AND RELATED STATUTES. [See Section 17]

**S.L. 2007-538 (HB 1372) Organ and Tissue Donation/The Heart Prevails.**

AN ACT TO ENACT THE REVISED UNIFORM ANATOMICAL GIFT ACT; TO PROVIDE THAT THE DECISION TO HAVE THE HEART SYMBOL ON ONE'S DRIVERS LICENSE IS LEGALLY SUFFICIENT CONSENT TO ORGAN DONATION UNLESS REVOKED BY THE DONOR; TO IMPROVE DONOR OR PROSPECTIVE DONOR ONLINE ACCESS TO INDICATE OR REVOKE ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION; AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES TO OTHER AFFECTED GENERAL STATUTES. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-544 (SB 56) Penalty Review/LTC Changes.**

AN ACT TO AMEND THE PENALTY REVIEW COMMITTEE PROCESS, EXPAND THE HEALTH CARE PERSONNEL REGISTRY AND AUTHORIZE THE MEDICAL CARE COMMISSION TO ADOPT RULES ALLOWING THE ISSUANCE OF RATED CERTIFICATES TO ADULT CARE HOMES. [See Sections 1 & 4]

**S.L. 2007-545 (SB 514) Deceptive Advertising of Business Location.**

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT BUSINESSES THAT SUPPLY PERISHABLE PRODUCTS FROM MISREPRESENTING THE GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATIONS OF THEIR BUSINESSES IN TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES, DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE DATABASES, ON THE INTERNET, AND IN PRINT ADVERTISEMENTS. [Entire Act]

**2007 Legislation 'Effective December 1, 2007'**

**The following public law provisions were enacted during the 2007 Session with an effective date of December 1, 2007.**

**S.L. 2007-14 (HB 42) Amend DV Laws/Homicide Reporting.**

AN ACT TO AMEND CRIMINAL PROCEDURE LAWS AFFECTING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS AND TO REQUIRE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOMICIDE REPORTING AS RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. [See Sections 1 & 3]

**S.L. 2007-80 (SB 34) Kill Police Animal.**

AN ACT TO MAKE IT A CLASS H FELONY TO WILLFULLY KILL A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY ANIMAL OR ASSISTANCE ANIMAL AND TO MAKE IT AN AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCE FOR OTHER CRIMINAL OFFENSES THAT A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY ANIMAL OR ASSISTANCE ANIMAL WAS SERIOUSLY HARMED OR KILLED WHILE THE ANIMAL WAS ENGAGED IN PERFORMING OFFICIAL DUTIES. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-83 (SB 777) Amend CPA Criminal Punishment.**

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR VIOLATING CERTAIN LAWS REGULATING CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-120 (HB 700) Standards for Code-Enforcement Officials.**

AN ACT TO CLARIFY STANDARDS FOR CODE-ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-122 (HB 105) Modify Laws for Desecrating Graves.**

AN ACT TO MODIFY THE LAW REGARDING THE DESECRATION OF A GRAVE, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE HOUSE STUDY COMMITTEE ON ABANDONED CEMETERIES.  
[Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-134 (SB125) Alcohol Inhalers Illegal.**

AN ACT TO ADD ETHYL ALCOHOL AS A SUBSTANCE SPECIFICALLY NAMED AS A TOXIC VAPOR AND TO MAKE ILLEGAL AN INSTRUMENT THAT CAN BE USED TO VAPORIZE OR INTRODUCE ETHYL ALCOHOL INTO THE BODY UNLESS IT IS A DEVICE USED TO DELIVER A PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION OR AN APPROVED OVER-THE-COUNTER MEDICATION. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-163 (HB 817) Residential Mortgage Fraud Act.**

AN ACT TO ENACT THE NORTH CAROLINA RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE FRAUD ACT.  
[Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-165 (SB 1290) Alcohol Monitoring Systems for DWI Offenders.**

AN ACT TO ALLOW EARLIER CONDITIONAL RESTORATION OF A DRIVERS LICENSE IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE USE OF CONTINUOUS ALCOHOL MONITORING SYSTEMS TO BE USED TO MONITOR INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE BEEN SENTENCED FOR DWI CONVICTIONS OR AS NECESSARY BY THE COURTS TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH CONDITIONS OF RELEASE, PROBATION, OR PAROLE.  
[See Sections 1-5 & 9]

**S.L. 2007-168 (HB 1479) Juvenile Contempt/Procedures and Sanctions.**

AN ACT TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES AND SANCTIONS TO ADDRESS CONTEMPT BY JUVENILES. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-172 (SB17) Sex Offenders/Pretrial Release.**

AN ACT TO AMEND THE PRETRIAL RELEASE REQUIREMENTS FOR SEX OFFENDERS.  
[Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-178 (HB 1354) Motor Vehicle Chop Shop Act.**

AN ACT TO CREATE A MOTOR VEHICLE CHOP SHOP LAW REGARDING THE RECEIVING, POSSESSION, AND DISTRIBUTION OF STOLEN OR ALTERED MOTOR VEHICLES AND MOTOR VEHICLE PARTS. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-180 (SB1424) Allow Earthdog Trials.**

AN ACT TO ALLOW EARTHDOG TRIALS. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-183 (HB 786) LEO Provide Info to DA for Discovery.**

AN ACT TO ENSURE DISTRICT ATTORNEYS RECEIVE ALL NECESSARY INFORMATION FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AS RECOMMENDED BY THE HOUSE INTERIM STUDY COMMITTEE ON CAPITAL PUNISHMENT. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-188 (HB 554) Assault Disabled Person/Institutional Setting.**

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE CRIMINAL PENALTY FOR ASSAULT ON A PATIENT IN A HEALTH CARE FACILITY OR RESIDENT OF A RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITY WHEN THE CONDUCT EVINCES A PATTERN OF BEHAVIOR, IS WILLFUL OR CULPABLY NEGLIGENT, AND CAUSES BODILY INJURY TO THE PATIENT OR RESIDENT. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-190 (HB 47) Violate order/Possess Deadly Weapon Felony.**

AN ACT TO CREATE A FELONY OFFENSE FOR PERSONS WHO KNOWINGLY VIOLATE A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROTECTIVE ORDER WHILE ARMED WITH A DEADLY WEAPON AS RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-196 (HB 1347) False Report/Mass Violence at School.**

AN ACT TO MAKE IT A CRIMINAL OFFENSE TO MAKE A FALSE REPORT CONCERNING A THREAT OF MASS VIOLENCE ON EDUCATIONAL PROPERTY. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-211 (HB 995) Increase Penalty/Starvation of Animals.**

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PENALTY FOR THE MALICIOUS, INTENTIONAL STARVATION OF AN ANIMAL AND MAKE OTHER CHANGES TO THE ANIMAL CRUELTY STATUTE. [See Sections 1 & 3]

**S.L. 2007-213 (HB 29) Sex Offender GPS/Doc Requests.**

AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE PROCEDURE FOR SATELLITE-BASED MONITORING OF SEX OFFENDERS AND TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES TO THE SEX OFFENDER LAWS. [See Sections 2, 6-9, 9A & 15]

**S.L. 2007-260 (SB 1359) Red Light Exception for Motorcycles.**

AN ACT TO ALLOW THE OPERATOR OF A MOTORCYCLE TO PROCEED THROUGH AN INTERSECTION CONTROLLED BY A TRAFFIC SIGNAL ONLY IF THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL USES AN INDUCTIVE LOOP VEHICLE SENSOR THAT ACTIVATES THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL AND THE INDUCTIVE LOOP FAILS TO DETECT THE MOTORCYCLE AND ACTIVATE THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-261 (HB 183) Ban Cell Phone Use by School Bus Drivers.**

AN ACT TO MAKE IT UNLAWFUL TO USE A MOBILE TELEPHONE OR ADDITIONAL TECHNOLOGY WHILE OPERATING A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SCHOOL BUS, WHILE OPERATING A SCHOOL ACTIVITY BUS, OR WHILE TRANSPORTING STUDENTS FOR HIRE IN ANY VEHICLE. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-293 (SB 758) Limited Driving Privilege.**

AN ACT TO ALLOW PERSONS WHO ARE CONVICTED OF CERTAIN DRIVING WHILE LICENSE REVOKED OFFENSES TO OBTAIN A LIMITED DRIVING PRIVILEGE. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-294 (HB 1810) VAWA 2005 Compliance.**

AN ACT TO BRING STATE LAW INTO COMPLIANCE WITH THE FEDERAL VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT OF 2005. [See Sections 1 & 3]

**S.L. 2007-301 (HB 367) Increase Criminal Penalty/Theft of Metals.**

AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN THE LAW REGULATING THE SALE OF CERTAIN METALS BY SECONDARY METALS RECYCLERS, TO ADD WIRELESS AND CABLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT TO THE STATUTE PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE INJURY OR DESTRUCTION OF WIRES, PHONE, TELEGRAPH, AND ELECTRICAL

FIXTURES, TO INCREASE THE CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THOSE REGULATIONS OF THE INJURY OR DESTRUCTION OF WIRES, PHONE, TELEGRAPH, AND ELECTRICAL FIXTURES, AND TO PROVIDE FOR FORFEITURE OF VEHICLES USED IN FELONIOUS THEFT OF METALS. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-305 (HB 588) Update the Unauthorized Insurers Laws.**

AN ACT TO UPDATE AND IMPROVE LAWS COVERING UNAUTHORIZED INSURERS.  
[See Sections 1-3 & 5-7]

**S.L. 2007-323 (HB 1473) 2007 Appropriations Act.**

AN ACT TO MAKE BASE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT OPERATIONS OF STATE DEPARTMENTS, INSTITUTIONS, AND AGENCIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
[See Sections 30.11(c), (d) & (e)]

**S.L. 2007-345 (HB 714) 2007 Budget Technical Corrections Act.**

AN ACT TO MAKE TECHNICAL, CLARIFYING, AND OTHER MODIFICATIONS TO THE CURRENT OPERATIONS AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2007. [See Sections 9.1(a) & (d)]

**S.L. 2007-348 (HB 1111) Clarify State Government Ethics Act.**

AN ACT TO MAKE CLARIFYING CHANGES TO THE STATE GOVERNMENT ETHICS ACT, THE LEGISLATIVE ETHICS ACT, AND THE LOBBYING LAWS.  
[See Sections 12, 13, 18 & 44]

**S.L. 2007-373 (SB1270) Amend Larceny Laws.**

AN ACT TO AMEND VARIOUS LARCENY STATUTES AND TO CREATE THE CRIMINAL OFFENSES OF ORGANIZED RETAIL THEFT. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-374 (SB1058) Telephone Records Privacy Protection Act.**

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE FRAUDULENT OBTAINING, SELLING, OR SOLICITING OF TELEPHONE RECORDS. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-375 (SB 8) Expand Safe Zones/Schools, Parks, Child Ctrs.**

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE "SAFE ZONES" NEAR CHILD CARE CENTERS AND SCHOOL GROUNDS REGARDING ILLEGAL DRUG SALES FROM THREE HUNDRED FEET TO ONE THOUSAND FEET, AND TO EXPAND THE "SAFE ZONE" FOR PUBLIC PARKS TO INCLUDE ALL PUBLIC PARKS, NOT JUST THOSE WITH PLAYGROUNDS, AND TO INCREASE THE DISTANCE OF THOSE SAFE ZONES TO ONE THOUSAND FEET. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-380 (SB 925) Speeding Law Changes.**

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW ALLOWING IMPROPER EQUIPMENT AS A LESSER INCLUDED OFFENSE OF SPEEDING AND TO PRECLUDE A PRAYER FOR JUDGMENT CONTINUED AS A DISPOSITION WHERE A DRIVER EXCEEDS THE POSTED SPEED LIMIT BY MORE THAN TWENTY-FIVE MILES PER HOUR. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-382 (SB 924) School Bus Safety Act Correction.**

AN ACT TO CHANGE THE ELEMENT MAKING PASSING A STOPPED SCHOOL BUS AND STRIKING A PERSON A FELONY FROM REQUIRING "SERIOUS BODILY INJURY" AND

REMOVING THE REQUIREMENT OF SIGNAGE BEING AT LEAST EIGHT INCHES FROM THE DEFINITION OF SCHOOL BUS TO CORRESPOND TO THE CHANGES MADE TO G.S. 20-217 IN THE 2005 SESSION AND REQUIRING THAT SCHOOL BUSES BE PAINTED YELLOW. [See Section 1 & 4]

**S.L. 2007-391 (HB 1743) Election Amendments.**

AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE PERJURY PROVISION IN CAMPAIGN FINANCE STATUTES; TO PROVIDE CIVIL PENALTIES FOR DECEPTIVE LATE FILING OF CAMPAIGN REPORTS; TO REPEAL THE THREE-THOUSAND-DOLLAR PRESUMPTION OF A COMMITTEE'S MAJOR PURPOSE; .... [See Sections 1, 9, 16 & 17]

**S.L. 2007-403 (HB 118) Sex Offenders/Test for STDs.**

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON CHARGED WITH A SEX OFFENSE WHO IS ORDERED TO BE TESTED FOR A SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTION MUST BE TESTED WITHIN FORTY-EIGHT HOURS OF THE COURT ORDER AND TO PROVIDE THAT HIV TESTING UNDER THESE PROVISIONS WILL USE THE HIV-RNA DETECTION TEST FOR DETERMINING HIV INFECTION. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-404 (SB 1495) Vehicles Used for Towing to be Marked.**

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT A VEHICLE USED TO TOW OR TRANSPORT ANOTHER VEHICLE BE MARKED SO THAT THE OWNER MAY BE IDENTIFIED AND TO ADD AN EXEMPTION FROM THE SEAT BELT LAW FOR DRIVERS OR PASSENGERS OF A RESIDENTIAL GARBAGE OR RECYCLING TRUCK WHILE THE TRUCK IS OPERATING DURING COLLECTION ROUNDS AND WHILE TRAVELING TO AND FROM GARBAGE AND RECYCLING MATERIAL LOADING AND UNLOADING LOCATIONS. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-427 (HB 1231) Certain Law Officers/Waive Handgun Permit.**

AN ACT TO WAIVE THE REQUIREMENT TO OBTAIN A CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT TO CARRY A CONCEALED HANDGUN FOR CERTAIN PERSONS AUTHORIZED BY FEDERAL LAW TO CARRY CONCEALED HANDGUNS AND FOR CERTAIN FEDERAL AND STATE RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, AND TO EXEMPT ARMED ARMORED CAR SERVICE GUARDS AND ARMED SECURITY GUARDS WHILE PERFORMING DUTIES FROM PROHIBITIONS ON CARRYING WEAPONS ON CERTAIN EDUCATIONAL PROPERTY. [See Sections 1, 3-5 & 7]

**S.L. 2007-455 (HB 976) Public Vehicular Areas Defined.**

AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE DEFINITION OF PUBLIC VEHICULAR AREA IN MOTOR VEHICLE LAW AND TO REQUIRE ACCESS TO GATED COMMUNITIES FOR EMERGENCY SERVICE VEHICLES. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-456 (HB 862) Amend Plant Protection and Conservation Act.**

AN ACT TO AMEND THE PLANT PROTECTION AND CONSERVATION ACT. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-463 (HB 1094) Increase Penalties for Audiovisual Piracy.**

AN ACT TO MODIFY THE PUNISHMENTS FOR UNLAWFUL OPERATION OF AN AUDIOVISUAL RECORDING DEVICE. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-493 (SB 999) DWI Technical Corrections.**

AN ACT TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO THE MOTOR VEHICLE LAWS PERTAINING TO IMPAIRED DRIVING OFFENSES AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE COURT MAY ORDER SECURE CUSTODY OF A JUVENILE WHEN THE JUVENILE IS CHARGED WITH A VIOLATION OF EITHER DRIVING WHILE IMPAIRED OR UNDERAGE DRINKING AND TO AUTHORIZE THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO STUDY THE DISPOSITIONAL ALTERNATIVES FOR JUVENILES WHO ARE ADJUDICATED DELINQUENT FOR A DRIVING WHILE IMPAIRED OR AN UNDERAGE DRINKING VIOLATION. [See Sections 26-31 & 33]

**S.L. 2007-505 (SB 1364) Scrap Vehicle Purchase/Parts-Records.**

AN ACT TO REQUIRE SECONDARY PURCHASERS OF MOTOR VEHICLES FOR SCRAP METAL OR SALVAGE PARTS TO MAINTAIN RECORDS, AND TO AMEND THE JUNKED MOTOR VEHICLE LAW APPLICABLE TO THE CITY OF MONROE. [See Sections 1, 2 & 4]

**S.L. 2007-526 (SB 831) Wireless Telecommunications Facilities.**

AN ACT STREAMLINING LOCAL GOVERNMENT REGULATION OF WIRELESS FACILITIES AND WIRELESS SUPPORT STRUCTURES AND THE COLLOCATION OF WIRELESS FACILITIES. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-534 (HB 454) Identity Theft.**

AN ACT TO PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF INDIVIDUALS BY AUTHORIZING THE TAKING OF A PHOTOGRAPH OF A PERSON WHO IS CITED FOR A MOTOR VEHICLE MOVING VIOLATION, WHO DOES NOT PRODUCE A VALID DRIVERS LICENSE UPON THE REQUEST OF A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, AND WHERE THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER HAS A REASONABLE SUSPICION REGARDING THE TRUE IDENTITY OF THE PERSON, AND TO PROVIDE A CAUSE OF ACTION FOR A PERSON WHOSE IDENTIFYING INFORMATION IS PUBLISHED OVER OBJECTION. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-537 (HB 1277) Drivers License Revocation for ABC Violation.**

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE REVOCATION OF THE DRIVERS LICENSE OF ANY PERSON CONVICTED OF GIVING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES TO, OR AIDING AND ABETTING THE PURCHASE OR POSSESSION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES BY, AN UNDERAGE PERSON AND TO ALLOW FOR A LIMITED DRIVING PRIVILEGE. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-547 (SB 1079) Protections for Victims of Human Trafficking.**

AN ACT PROVIDING PROTECTIONS FOR VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING. [Entire Act]

## **2007 Legislation 'Effective January 1, 2008'**

**The following public law provisions were enacted during the 2007 Session with an effective date of January 1, 2008.**

**S.L. 2007-193 (HB 24) Smoking in State Govt Buildings/Prohibition.**

AN ACT TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC FROM THE HEALTH RISKS OF SECONDHAND SMOKE BY PROHIBITING SMOKING IN BUILDINGS OWNED, LEASED, OR OCCUPIED BY STATE



GOVERNMENT; AND TO AUTHORIZE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO REGULATE SMOKING IN BUILDINGS AND TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES OWNED, LEASED, OR OCCUPIED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AS RECOMMENDED BY THE JUSTUS-WARREN HEART DISEASE AND STROKE PREVENTION TASK FORCE. [See Sections 1-3]

**S.L. 2007-250 (SB 238) Modify Tax on Property Coverage Contract.**

AN ACT TO ADJUST THE ADDITIONAL TAX RATE ON PROPERTY COVERAGE CONTRACTS TO BE REVENUE NEUTRAL BASED ON AN EXPANSION OF THE TAX BASE ENACTED IN S.L. 2006-196, TO INCREASE THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE TAX PROCEEDS TO THE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND, TO AMEND THE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT GRANT PROGRAM TO ALLOW MORE DEPARTMENTS TO QUALIFY FOR GRANTS, AND TO MODIFY THE DISTRIBUTION OF TAX PROCEEDS TO THE LOCAL FIREMEN'S RELIEF FUNDS. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-262 (HB 445) Access to Information for Adult Adoptees.**

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE CHILD PLACEMENT AGENCIES TO ACT AS CONFIDENTIAL INTERMEDIARIES BETWEEN ADULT ADOPTees, AN ADULT LINEAL DESCENDANT OF A DECEASED ADOPTEE, AND A BIOLOGICAL PARENT. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-294 (HB 1810) VAWA 2005 Compliance.**

AN ACT TO BRING STATE LAW INTO COMPLIANCE WITH THE FEDERAL VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT OF 2005. [See Section 2]

**S.L. 2007-298 (HB 731) Revise Life and Health Insurance Laws.**

AN ACT TO PROTECT CONSUMERS PURCHASING ANNUITY PRODUCTS; ADDRESS PORTABILITY IN ACCIDENT AND HEALTH AND LIFE INSURANCE; MAKE MINOR CHANGES IN THE LAWS ON MANAGED CARE EXTERNAL REVIEWS; CLARIFY DEFINITIONS IN LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE; ADDRESS SMALL EMPLOYER CARRIER PLAN ELECTIONS; DEFINE "CRITICAL PERIOD CONVERSION RATIO" FOR CREDIT INSURANCE; MAKE MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS TO OTHER PROVISIONS RELATED TO LIFE AND HEALTH INSURANCE; AND MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS IN INSURANCE CODE REFERENCES TO THE TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' MAJOR MEDICAL PLAN. [See Parts I & X]

**S.L. 2007-323 (HB 1473) 2007 Appropriations Act.**

AN ACT TO MAKE BASE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT OPERATIONS OF STATE DEPARTMENTS, INSTITUTIONS, AND AGENCIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. [See Sections 10.39A(a)(1), 10.39A(b), 13.16A, 13.18(h)-(j), 14.13(a)-(c), 14.24, 31.16.3(c) & (j)]

**S.L. 2007-346 (HB 818) Amend Practice of Medicine Laws.**

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAWS PERTAINING TO THE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE AND TO AMEND THE LAWS PERTAINING TO THE PRACTICE OF DENTISTRY. [See Sections 2, 4 & 28]

**S.L. 2007-348 (HB 1111) Clarify State Government Ethics Act.**

AN ACT TO MAKE CLARIFYING CHANGES TO THE STATE GOVERNMENT ETHICS ACT, THE LEGISLATIVE ETHICS ACT, AND THE LOBBYING LAWS. [See Sections 34 & 44]

**S.L. 2007-349 (HB 1737) Legal Expense Funds.**

AN ACT TO REGULATE LEGAL EXPENSE FUNDS OF ELECTED OFFICERS TO PROVIDE FOR DISCLOSURE OF CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES AND TO LIMIT CERTAIN CONTRIBUTIONS. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-352 (HB 1817) Protect Consumers – Covered Loans.**

AN ACT TO PROTECT CONSUMERS REGARDING COVERED LOANS AND TO INCREASE THE COMMISSIONER'S DISCIPLINARY AUTHORITY OVER LICENSEES UNDER THE MORTGAGE LENDING ACT. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-360 (HB 563) Traffic and Personal Safety Changes/Protests.**

AN ACT TO MAKE CHANGES IN MOTOR VEHICLE LAW REGARDING WHAT "PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLE" MEANS, CHANGING THE WORD STOPLIGHT TO TRAFFIC SIGNAL, CHANGING THE TIME ALLOWED FOR REMOVAL OF A VEHICLE FROM A PUBLIC HIGHWAY OR REST AREA, AUTHORIZING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO ADOPT ORDINANCES REGULATING DEMONSTRATIONS ON STATE ROADS AND HIGHWAYS, AND THE WEARING OF A SAFETY HELMET BY USE OF A RETENTION STRAP.

[See Sections 7 & 8]

**S.L. 2007-362 (SB 1032) Health Insurance/Prompt Pay Time Lines.**

AN ACT TO IMPOSE TIME LIMITATIONS ON OVERPAYMENT RECOVERY UNDER THE PROMPT CLAIM PAYMENTS STATUTE AND TO REQUIRE THAT INSURERS OFFERING HEALTH BENEFITS PLANS PROVIDE INSURANCE IDENTIFICATION CARDS.

[See Sections 1 & 3]

**S.L. 2007-365 (SB 1245) Retainage Payments/Construction Contracts.**

AN ACT AMENDING THE LAWS RELATED TO RETAINAGE PAYMENTS ON PUBLIC CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-369 (SB 1218) Candidate Felony Disclosure.**

AN ACT TO REQUIRE ALL CANDIDATES TO DISCLOSE FELONY CONVICTIONS. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-383 (HB 1755) Coordinate Statewide Enhanced 911 System.**

AN ACT TO MODERNIZE AND IMPROVE THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE STATE'S 911 SYSTEM THROUGH A STATEWIDE 911 BOARD, BY ENSURING THAT ALL VOICE SERVICES CONTRIBUTE TO THE 911 SYSTEM AND BY PROVIDING PARITY IN THE QUALITY OF SERVICE AND THE LEVEL OF 911 CHARGES ACROSS VOICE COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE PROVIDERS. [See Sections 1-6 & 8]

**S.L. 2007-391 (HB 1743) Election Amendments.**

AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE PERJURY PROVISION IN CAMPAIGN FINANCE STATUTES; TO PROVIDE CIVIL PENALTIES FOR DECEPTIVE LATE FILING OF CAMPAIGN REPORTS; TO REPEAL THE THREE-THOUSAND-DOLLAR PRESUMPTION OF A COMMITTEE'S MAJOR PURPOSE; .... [See Sections 14, 29 & 34]

**S.L. 2007-397 (SB 3) Promote Renewable Energy/Baseload Generation.**

AN ACT TO: (1) PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF RENEWABLE ENERGY AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN THE STATE THROUGH IMPLEMENTATION OF A RENEWABLE ENERGY AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY PORTFOLIO STANDARD (REPS), (2) ALLOW RECOVERY OF CERTAIN NONFUEL UTILITY COSTS THROUGH THE FUEL CHARGE ADJUSTMENT PROCEDURE, (3) PROVIDE FOR ONGOING REVIEW OF CONSTRUCTION COSTS AND FOR RECOVERY OF COSTS IN RATES IN A GENERAL RATE CASE, (4) ADJUST THE PUBLIC UTILITY AND ELECTRIC MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION REGULATORY FEES, (5) PROVIDE FOR THE PHASEOUT OF THE TAX ON THE SALE OF ENERGY TO NORTH CAROLINA FARMERS AND MANUFACTURERS, AND (6) ALLOW A TAX CREDIT TO CONTRIBUTORS TO 501(C)(3) ORGANIZATIONS FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY PROPERTY. [See Sections 1, 2, 6-8 & 16]

**S.L. 2007-402 (HB 267) ABC Law Changes.**

AN ACT TO ALLOW THE ISSUANCE OF OFF-PREMISES MALT BEVERAGE AND UNFORTIFIED WINE PERMITS TO INCORPORATED MUNICIPALITIES AFTER AN ELECTION ALLOWING THE SALE OF MIXED BEVERAGES, TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE JANUARY 1, 2008, REQUIREMENT FOR CERTAIN ABC PERMITTEES TO RECYCLE BEVERAGE CONTAINERS, AND TO AUTHORIZE WINEMAKING ON PREMISES BY AN UNFORTIFIED WINERY PERMIT HOLDER. [See Section 2]

**S.L. 2007-420 (SB 1277) State Diesel Vehicles' Warranties/B-20 Fuel.**

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT ALL VEHICLES TRANSFERRED TO OR PURCHASED BY THE STATE THAT ARE DESIGNED TO OPERATE ON DIESEL FUEL SHALL BE COVERED BY AN EXPRESS MANUFACTURER'S WARRANTY THAT ALLOWS THE USE OF B-20 FUEL. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-422 (HB 1598) Extend Qualified Business Venture Tax Credit.**

AN ACT TO EXTEND THE SUNSET ON THE TAX CREDITS FOR QUALIFIED BUSINESS INVESTMENTS AND TO EXTEND THE TIME FOR FILING AN APPLICATION TO OCTOBER 15. [See Sections 2 & 3]

**S.L. 2007-435 (HB 1460) Qtrly Escrow Deposits/Affiliated Dealers.**

AN ACT TO ALLOW THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO REQUIRE CERTAIN CIGARETTE MANUFACTURERS TO MAKE QUARTERLY ESCROW DEPOSITS, TO TREAT CERTAIN AFFILIATES OF A MANUFACTURER OF OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS AS IF THEY WERE THE MANUFACTURER FOR PURPOSES OF ADMINISTRATION OF THE EXCISE TAX ON OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE PERMISSION GRANTED TO A CIGARETTE MANUFACTURER TO BE RELIEVED OF PAYING THE CIGARETTE EXCISE TAX APPLIES TO ALL TOBACCO PRODUCTS DISTRIBUTED BY THE MANUFACTURER. [See Sections 1 & 4]

**S.L. 2007-443 (HB 729) Penalties for Insurance Rate Evasion Fraud.**

AN ACT TO ADDRESS NONFLEET PRIVATE PASSENGER MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE RATE EVASION FRAUD AND TO AUTHORIZE THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE TRANSPORTATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE ISSUES RELATED TO AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE RATE EVASION. [See Sections 1, 3, 4, 6 & 7]

**S.L. 2007-441 (HB 1181) Small Business Contractor Act.**

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR CONTRACT FINANCING AND SURETY BONDS FOR SMALL BUSINESSES THAT CONTRACT WITH GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-449 (SB 1383) Allow Cyclists to Use Public Lands.**

AN ACT TO ALLOW ANY AGENCY OF THIS STATE, OR ANY OTHER ENTITY, THAT HAS PURCHASED OR LEASED LAND WITH STATE FUNDS TO ALLOW ACCESS TO BICYCLISTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CYCLING; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT SUCH USE OF THE LAND IS NOT PROHIBITED BY ANOTHER STATE LAW, A FEDERAL LAW, OR THE USE OF BICYCLES IN A PARTICULAR AREA WOULD CAUSE SUBSTANTIAL HARM TO THE LAND OR THE ENVIRONMENT, AND TO ALLOW THE PUBLIC TO USE THE LAND FOR THE PURPOSE OF HIKING OR WALKING. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-459 (HB 1294) No Smoking/LTC Facilities.**

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT SMOKING INSIDE LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES.  
[See Section 5]

**S.L. 2007-481 (SB 1147) Dealer MV Inspection/Records/MV Registration.**

AN ACT TO REQUIRE A COPY OF THE REGISTRATION CARD ISSUED FOR A DEALER REGISTRATION PLATE BE IN THE VEHICLE, TO MODIFY RETENTION AND INSPECTION PROCEDURES FOR DEALER RECORDS, TO CLARIFY WHEN A VEHICLE MUST BE INSPECTED, AND TO CLARIFY MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS.  
[See Sections 6-8 & 9]

**S.L. 2007-483 (SB 103) Various Special License Plates.**

AN ACT TO ELIMINATE THE REQUIREMENT OF THREE HUNDRED APPLICATIONS BEFORE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES IS AUTHORIZED TO PRODUCE THE GOLD STAR SPECIAL PLATE AND TO ELIMINATE THE ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THE GOLD STAR SPECIAL PLATE; TO CHANGE THE RECIPIENT OF FUNDS FROM THE OMEGA PSI PHI SPECIAL PLATE FROM THE UNITED NEGRO COLLEGE FUND, INC.... [See Section 3]

**S.L. 2007-485 (SB 646) Enact WASC Recommendations.**

AN ACT TO PROVIDE PROPERTY TAX RELIEF FOR WORKING WATERFRONT PROPERTY, TO ESTABLISH THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE COORDINATION OF WATERFRONT ACCESS, TO MAKE EXPANDED PUBLIC ACCESS TO COASTAL WATERS A PRIORITY IN PLANNING STATE ROAD PROJECTS, TO INCREASE FEES FOR VESSEL TITLING, TO WAIVE PERMIT FEES FOR EMERGENCY COASTAL AREA MANAGEMENT ACT PERMITS, AND TO DIRECT A STUDY OF CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIR IN REGULATED FLOOD ZONES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE WATERFRONT ACCESS STUDY COMMITTEE. [See Sections 4.1-4.4 & 7]

**S.L. 2007-487 (SB 684) Spay/Neuter Funding.**

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR FUNDING FOR THE STATEWIDE SPAY AND NEUTER PROGRAM FROM THE SALE OF RABIES VACCINATION TAGS AND TO REQUIRE REPORTING ON THE PROGRAM. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-488 (SB 1457) Bond Lic. Plate Agent/Online Veh. Registration.**

AN ACT TO REQUIRE BONDS FOR CONTRACTS ISSUED BY THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO COMMISSION CONTRACTORS WHO OPERATE LICENSE PLATE AGENCIES,

TO ADD CHARLOTTE TO THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES OPERATED REGISTRATION OFFICES, TO REQUIRE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO HAVE AT LEAST TWO AUTHORIZED ONLINE MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION VENDORS APPROVED FOR CONTRACTING AT ALL TIMES, AND TO AUTHORIZE COMMISSION CONTRACT AGENTS TO CONTRACT WITH ONLINE DEALER REGISTRATION VENDORS. [See Sections 1 & 6]

**S.L. 2007-491 (SB 242) Reform Tax Appeals.**

AN ACT TO REFORM THE PROCESS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE AND JUDICIAL REVIEW OF DISPUTED TAX MATTERS. [See Sections 1 (except G.S. 105-241.10), 2-5, 7-14, 18-21, 23-44 & 47]

**S.L. 2007-494 (SB 229) Legal Status of Prisoners.**

AN ACT TO DETERMINE THE RESIDENCY STATUS OF PERSONS JAILED ON FELONY OR DRIVING WHILE IMPAIRED CHARGES. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-506 (SB 1485) Amend NC Appraisers Act/Fees.**

AN ACT AMENDING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS UNDER THE NORTH CAROLINA APPRAISERS ACT, ELIMINATING THE CATEGORY OF LICENSED RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE APPRAISER, AND AUTHORIZING THE NORTH CAROLINA APPRAISAL BOARD TO ESTABLISH AND INCREASE CERTAIN FEES. [See Sections 6 & 13]

**S.L. 2007-507 (SB 1527) Amend Insurance Laws/Producers and Bail Bonds.**

AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES IN THE LAWS RELATING TO LICENSING OF INSURANCE PRODUCERS AND BAIL BONDSMEN; TO MAKE CHANGES IN THE FEE STRUCTURES FOR AGENTS AND ADJUSTERS; TO AUTHORIZE THE OUTSOURCING OF CERTAIN FUNCTIONS RELATING TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF CONTINUING EDUCATION AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROGRAMS; TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE TO STUDY ISSUES RELATED TO LIFE INSURANCE BENEFICIARY NOTIFICATION; TO EXEMPT INSURERS FROM AUTOMATIC RENEWAL DISCLOSURE CLAUSE REQUIREMENTS; TO INSTITUTE A METHOD OF STREAMLINING CERTAIN APPEALS OF DISPUTES BETWEEN LOCAL INSPECTORS AND PERSONS SUBJECT TO THE STATE BUILDING CODE AND TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE TO ISSUE ITS DECISION ON THESE LIMITED APPEALS WITHIN TEN BUSINESS DAYS; AND TO MAKE OTHER SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES. [See Sections 1-16 & 19]

**S.L. 2007-535 (HB 773) Protect Military Personnel/Life Insurance.**

AN ACT TO PROTECT MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES FROM DISHONEST AND PREDATORY LIFE INSURANCE AND ANNUITY SALES PRACTICES. [Entire Act]

**S.L. 2007-520 (HB 1551) State Gov't Acctability/Internal Control Act.**

AN ACT TO ENACT THE STATE GOVERNMENTAL ACCOUNTABILITY AND INTERNAL CONTROL ACT; TO ESTABLISH INTERNAL CONTROL STANDARDS FOR STATE GOVERNMENT; AND TO INCREASE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY WITHIN STATE GOVERNMENT. [Entire Act]

**[S.L. 2007-527](#) (SB 540) Revenue Laws & Motor Fuels Tax Tech. Changes.**

AN ACT TO MAKE TECHNICAL, CLARIFYING, AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES TO THE REVENUE LAWS, MOTOR FUELS TAX LAWS, AND RELATED STATUTES.

[See Sections 21 & 38]

**[S.L. 2007-541](#) (HB 1671) Arbitration/Negligent Health Care Actions.**

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ARBITRATION OF CLAIMS FOR PERSONAL INJURY OR WRONGFUL DEATH BASED ON ALLEGED NEGLIGENCE IN THE PROVISION OF HEALTH CARE, UPON THE AGREEMENT OF ALL PARTIES. [Entire Act]

**[S.L. 2007-542](#) (HB 1702) Conserve Energy/Insulate Hot Water Plumbing.**

AN ACT TO CONSERVE ENERGY AND TO REQUIRE A STUDY OF THE DEGREE OF INSULATION FOR HOT WATERLINES THAT SHOULD BE REQUIRED.

[See Sections 1 & 3]

**[S.L. 2007-544](#) (SB 56) Penalty Review/LTC Changes.**

AN ACT TO AMEND THE PENALTY REVIEW COMMITTEE PROCESS, EXPAND THE HEALTH CARE PERSONNEL REGISTRY AND AUTHORIZE THE MEDICAL CARE COMMISSION TO ADOPT RULES ALLOWING THE ISSUANCE OF RATED CERTIFICATES TO ADULT CARE HOMES. [See Sections 2 & 4]