

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

SESSION 1989

S

1

SENATE BILL 1261

Short Title: Consumer Protection/Elderly/Study.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Barker; Allran, Ballance, Basnight, Block, Carpenter, Chalk, Cochrane, Conder, Daniel, Daughtry, Ezzell, Hardin, Harris, Hunt of Durham, Hunt of Moore, Johnson of Cabarrus, Kaplan, Martin of Pitt, Martin of Guilford, Marvin, Murphy, Parnell, Plyler, Rauch, Raynor, Richardson, Sands, Sherron, Simpson, Soles, Speed, Swain, Tally, Walker, and Ward.

Referred to: Rules and Operation of the Senate.

May 10, 1989

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE LEGISLATIVE STUDY
COMMISSION ON CONSUMER PROTECTION ISSUES AND THE ELDERLY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. The Legislative Study Commission on Consumer Protection Issues and the Elderly is created. The Commission shall consist of 12 members: six Senators appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and six Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sec. 2. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall designate one Senator as cochairman and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate one Representative as cochairman.

Sec. 3. The Commission shall study:

- (1) The consumer protection laws and how they affect the elderly;
- (2) Special problems the elderly face as consumers; and
- (3) Whether additional legal protection ought to be afforded the elderly as consumers.

Sec. 4. The Commission shall submit a final report of its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly on or before April 1, 1990, by filing the report with the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Upon filing its final report, the Commission shall terminate.

1 Sec. 5. The Commission, while in the discharge of official duties, may
2 exercise all the powers provided for under the provisions of G.S. 120-19, and G.S. 120-
3 19.1 through G.S. 120-19.4. The Commission may meet at any time upon the joint call
4 of the cochairmen. The Commission may meet in the Legislative Building or the
5 Legislative Office Building.

6 Sec. 6. Members of the Commission shall receive subsistence and travel
7 expenses at the rates set forth in G.S. 120-3.1.

8 Sec. 7. The Commission may contract for professional, clerical, or consultant
9 services as provided by G.S. 120-32.02. The Legislative Services Commission, through
10 the Legislative Administrative Officer, shall assign professional staff to assist in the
11 work of the Commission. The House of Representatives' and the Senate's Supervisors of
12 Clerks shall assign clerical staff to the Commission or committee, upon the direction of
13 the Legislative Services Commission. The expenses relating to clerical employees shall
14 be borne by the Commission.

15 Sec. 8. When a vacancy occurs in the membership of the Commission the
16 vacancy shall be filled by the same appointing officer who made the initial appointment.

17 Sec. 9. All State departments and agencies and local governments and their
18 subdivisions shall furnish the Commission with any information in their possession or
19 available to them.

20 Sec. 10. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the General
21 Assembly \$15,000 for the 1989-90 fiscal year for the The Legislative Study
22 Commission on Consumer Protection Issues and the Elderly.

23 Sec. 11. This act shall become effective July 1, 1989.