

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 687

Short Title: Motor Vehicle Towing Study.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Senator

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Referred to: Appropriations.

April 18, 1991

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO CREATE THE MOTOR VEHICLE TOWING AND STORAGE AT THE
REQUEST OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS STUDY COMMISSION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. The Towing and Storage at the Request of State and Local Governments Study Commission is created. The Commission shall consist of six members. Three Senators appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and three 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 method by which towing companies, used by the State and local governments, are chosen for the particular service, including mandating a rotation system;
- (2) Establishing qualifications for a towing company to meet before being placed on the rotation system;
- (3) Methods of reimbursing a towing company for removing and storing abandoned vehicles; and
- (4) Other issues involving towing and storage of vehicles at the request of the State and local governments.

Sec. 4. The Commission may submit an interim report of its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly on or before the first day of the 1992 Session of the General Assembly and shall submit a final report of its findings and

1 recommendations to the General Assembly on or before the first day of the 1993
2 Session of the General Assembly by filing the report with the President Pro Tempore of
3 the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Upon filing its final report,
4 the Commission shall terminate.

5 Sec. 5. The Commission, while in the discharge of official duties, may
6 exercise all the powers provided for under the provisions of G.S. 120-19 and G.S. 120-
7 19.1 through G.S. 120-19.4. The Commission may meet at any time upon the joint call
8 of the cochairmen. The Commission may meet in the Legislative Building or the
9 Legislative Office Building.

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

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

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

21 Sec. 9. All State departments and agencies and all local governments and
22 their subdivisions shall furnish the Commission with any information required by the
23 Commission that is in their possession or available to them.

24 Sec. 10. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the General
25 Assembly the sum of \$50,000 for the 1991-92 fiscal year and the sum of \$50,000 for the
26 1992-93 fiscal year for the expenses of the Commission.

27 Sec. 11. This act becomes effective July 1, 1991.