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**SENATE BILL 53\***

Short Title: Local Ordinances That Require Recycling.

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Sponsors: Senators Odom, Cooper, and Speed.

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Referred to: Local Government and Regional Affairs.

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February 4, 1993

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

**AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE AUTHORITY THAT A COUNTY OR CITY HAS TO  
REQUIRE PARTICIPATION IN A RECYCLING PROGRAM.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 153A-136(a) reads as rewritten:

"(a) A county may by ordinance regulate the storage, collection, transportation, use, disposal, and other disposition of solid wastes. Such an ordinance may:

(1) Regulate the activities of persons, firms, and corporations, both public and private.

(2) Require each person wishing to commercially collect or dispose of solid wastes to secure a license from the county and prohibit any person from commercially collecting or disposing of solid wastes without a license. A fee may be charged for a license.

(3) Grant a franchise to one or more persons for the exclusive right to commercially collect or dispose of solid wastes within all or a defined portion of the county and prohibit any other person from commercially collecting or disposing of solid wastes in that area. The board of commissioners may set the terms of any franchise, except that no franchise may be granted for a period exceeding seven years, nor may any franchise by its terms impair the authority of the board of commissioners to regulate fees as authorized by this section.

(4) Regulate the fees, if any, that may be charged by licensed or franchised persons for collecting or disposing of solid wastes.

1 (5) Require the source separation of materials ~~from solid waste~~ prior to  
2 collection of ~~the~~ solid waste for disposal.

3 (6) Require participation in a recycling program ~~which has been approved~~  
4 ~~by the board of commissioners.~~ by requiring separation of designated  
5 materials by the owner prior to disposal. If any of these materials are  
6 placed in receptacles or delivered to specific locations and facilities  
7 that are owned or operated by the county or its designee, then  
8 ownership of these materials is transferred to the county or its  
9 designee.

10 (7) Include any other proper matter."

11 Sec. 2. G.S. 160A-317(b) reads as rewritten:

12 "(b) Solid Waste. – A city may require an owner of improved property to do any  
13 of the following:

14 (1) Place solid waste in specified places or receptacles for the convenience  
15 of city collection and disposal.

16 (2) Separate materials ~~from solid waste~~ before the solid waste is collected.

17 (3) Participate in a recycling program ~~approved by the Council.~~ by requiring  
18 separation of designated materials by the owner prior to disposal. If  
19 any of these materials are placed in receptacles or delivered to specific  
20 locations and facilities that are owned or operated by the city or its  
21 designee, then ownership of these materials is transferred to the city or  
22 its designee.

23 (4) Participate in any solid waste collection service provided by the city or  
24 by a person who has a contract with the city if the owner or occupant  
25 of the property has not otherwise contracted for the collection of solid  
26 waste from the property.

27 (c) A city may impose a fee for the solid waste collection service provided under  
28 subdivision ~~(4)-(4)~~ of subsection (b) of this section. The fee may not exceed the costs  
29 of collection."

30 Sec. 3. This act is effective upon ratification and does not apply to any  
31 contracts in existence at that time or to any extensions or renewals thereof.