

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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S.L. 1997-193  
HOUSE BILL 499

AN ACT RELATING TO THE USE OF GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION  
SYSTEM DATABASE INFORMATION BY REAL ESTATE TRADE  
ASSOCIATIONS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 132-10 reads as rewritten:

**"§ 132-10. Qualified exception for geographical information systems.**

Geographical information systems databases and data files developed and operated by counties and cities are public records within the meaning of this Chapter. The county or city shall provide public access to such systems by public access terminals or other output devices. Upon request, the county or city shall furnish copies, in documentary or electronic form, to anyone requesting them at reasonable cost. As a condition of furnishing an electronic copy, whether on magnetic tape, magnetic disk, compact disk, or photo-optical device, a county or city may require that the person obtaining the copy agree in writing that the copy will not be resold or otherwise used for trade or commercial purposes. For purposes of this section, publication or broadcast by the news ~~media~~ media, real estate trade associations, or Multiple Listing Services operated by real estate trade associations shall not constitute a resale or use of the data for trade or commercial purposes and use of information without resale by a licensed professional in the course of practicing the professional's profession shall not constitute use for a commercial purpose. For purposes of this section, resale at cost by a real estate trade association or Multiple Listing Services operated by a real estate trade association shall not constitute a resale or use of the data for trade or commercial purposes."

Section 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 10th day of June, 1997.

s/ Dennis A. Wicker  
President of the Senate

s/ Harold J. Brubaker  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ James B. Hunt, Jr.  
Governor

Approved 5:01 p.m. this 19th day of June, 1997