

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

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**HOUSE BILL 668**

Short Title: Cumberland County Housing Code.

(Local)

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Sponsors: Representatives McAllister; Hurley, Kinney, Morris, and Warner.

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Referred to: Ways and Means.

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March 31, 1997

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

**AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE CUMBERLAND COUNTY TO REQUIRE OWNERS OF RENTAL PROPERTY IN THE COUNTY TO AUTHORIZE AN AGENT TO ACCEPT SERVICE OF PROCESS IN HOUSING CODE CASES AND CASES INITIATED BY THE LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. The Board of County Commissioners of Cumberland County may, by ordinance, require that each owner of rental property within the county authorize a person residing in the county to serve as the owner's agent for the purpose of accepting service of process in an action involving a violation of an ordinance adopted pursuant to Part 6 of Article 19 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes, Part 4 of Article 18 of Chapter 153A of the General Statutes, or Chapter 130A of the General Statutes, or a violation of local board of health rules adopted pursuant to Chapter 130A of the General Statutes. The owner shall provide the county inspections department with the authorized agent's name, address, and phone number on a form supplied by the department. The owner shall notify the inspections department of any changes in the information within 10 days after the changes occur. Nothing in this section shall require an owner to designate an agent to accept service of process if the owner of the rental property resides within Cumberland County.

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