

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 685*

Short Title: Arrest Warrants/Copies.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Bridgeman; Alexander, Barefoot, Cox, Cunningham, Dedmon, Earle, Gibson, Goodwin, Horn, McLawhorn, Melton, Moore, Rayfield, Saunders, Thomas, Tucker, Warren, and C. Wilson.

Referred to: Judiciary III.

March 30, 1999

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER MAY ARREST A
3 PERSON ON PRIVATE PREMISES OR IN A VEHICLE IN ACCORDANCE
4 WITH STATE LAW WITH A COPY OF THE ORIGINAL ARREST WARRANT
5 OR ORDER.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 Section 1. G.S. 15A-401(e) reads as rewritten:

8 "(e) Entry on Private Premises or Vehicle; Use of Force. –

9 (1) A law-enforcement officer may enter private premises or a vehicle to
10 effect an arrest when:

- 11 a. The officer has in his possession a warrant or order or a copy of
12 the warrant or order for the arrest of a person or is authorized to
13 arrest a person without a warrant or order having been issued,
14 b. The officer has reasonable cause to believe the person to be
15 arrested is present, and
16 c. The officer has given, or made reasonable effort to give, notice of
17 his authority and purpose to an occupant thereof, unless there is

1 reasonable cause to believe that the giving of such notice would
2 present a clear danger to human life.

3 (2) The law-enforcement officer may use force to enter the premises or
4 vehicle if he reasonably believes that admittance is being denied or
5 unreasonably delayed, or if he is authorized under subsection (e)(1)c to
6 enter without giving notice of his authority and purpose."

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