

**NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE**

**BILL NUMBER:** H.B. 178

**SHORT TITLE:** Jonesville Accident Reports/Weeds

**SPONSOR(S):** Rep. Brown

<b>FISCAL IMPACT</b>					
	<b>Yes (X)</b>	<b>No ( )</b>	<b>No Estimate Available ( )</b>		
	<b><u>FY 1999-00</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2000-01</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2001-02</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2002-03</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2003-04</u></b>
<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>NO GENERAL FUND IMPACT</b>				
<b>Jonesville</b>					
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>NO GENERAL FUND IMPACT</b>				
<b>Jonesville</b>					
<b>PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) &amp; PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED:</b>	Town of Jonesville.				
<b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b>	When it becomes law.				

**BILL SUMMARY:** This bill adds the Town of Jonesville to a list of towns given special authority for two actions. First, the bill authorizes Jonesville to charge a five dollar (\$ 5.00) fee for an uncertified copy of police incident or accident report. The operator of a vehicle involved in an accident is entitled to one free uncertified copy of the report. The fees provide additional law enforcement funding. The second part of the bill addresses overgrown lots. The bill authorizes Jonesville to notify the owner of a chronically overgrown lot of the municipality's overgrown vegetation ordinance. The bill authorizes the town to "remedy" the violation, (mow, etc.) once the owner is notified and again found in violation. The cost associated with mowing becomes the equalivent of a tax lien against the property. Under the bill, notice must be given at least once during the calendar year. The bill defines a chronic violator as a person who owns property sited at least three times during the previous calendar year for overgrown vegetation.

**ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:** According to the town manager, Jonesville currently charges \$4.00 for police accident and incident reports. They also report issuing approximately 200 such reports each year. Because the bill would allow Jonesville to charge an extra \$1.00 per report, the town would likely see a \$200.00 increase in revenues (\$1.00 X 200 reports). As far as the weedy lot provision is concerned, the town manager believes the town will see some decrease in their postal expenses as a result of this provision. However, they expect the fiscal impact to be minimal.

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