

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2001**

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SENATE BILL 587

Short Title: Durham Historic Properties. (Local)

Sponsors: Senators Lucas and Gulley.

Referred to: State and Local Government.

March 22, 2001

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF DURHAM TO REQUIRE OWNERS OF
3 LANDMARKS AND BUILDINGS WITHIN HISTORIC DISTRICTS TO
4 MAINTAIN THEIR PROPERTY IN GOOD CONDITION.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** The Charter of the City of Durham, being Chapter 671 of the
7 1975 Session Laws, as amended, is further amended by adding the following new
8 section:

9 "Sec. 94.7. Maintenance of Landmarks and Historic Buildings.

10 The City may enact ordinances requiring owners of designated landmarks or
11 buildings, structures, or sites within historic districts to maintain their property in good
12 condition. Any ordinances adopted under this section shall contain appropriate
13 safeguards to protect owners if the required maintenance would cause undue economic
14 hardship."

15 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.