

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**HOUSE BILL 1777**

Short Title: State Helicopter Budget.

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Sponsors: Representatives Blust; and Mitchell.

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Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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May 31, 2004

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PLACE STRICTER RESTRICTIONS ON THE BUDGET AND  
OPERATING RULES FOR HELICOPTERS IN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** The operating budget in the Executive Branch for helicopters is reduced by ten percent (10%) for the 2004-2005 fiscal year.

**SECTION 2.** The Department of Commerce shall adopt strict guidelines for the use of State helicopters.

**SECTION 3.** Except in emergency situations, no member, officer, or employee in the Legislative Branch shall use any State helicopter.

**SECTION 4.** This act does not apply to any helicopter customarily used for rescue work, for health or emergency services in The University of North Carolina System, or for the national guard.

**SECTION 5.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2004.