

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 981

Short Title: Military Consumer Protection Specialist. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Martin, Bordsen, Glazier, Underhill (Primary Sponsors); Allen, Blue, Boylan, Braxton, Bryant, Coates, Cunningham, Dickson, Dockham, England, Faison, Farmer-Butterfield, Fisher, Frye, Gibson, Goodwin, Haire, Hall, T. Harrell, Harrison, Holliman, Jeffus, Jones, Lewis, Lucas, Luebke, McGee, Moore, Parmon, Pierce, Rapp, Ross, Samuelson, Stam, Tarleton, Thomas, Tucker, Wainwright, Walker, R. Warren, Weiss, and Wilkins.

Referred to: Homeland Security, Military and Veterans Affairs, if favorable, Appropriations.

March 22, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR A CONSUMER PROTECTION
SPECIALIST IN THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO ASSIST MILITARY
PERSONNEL AND THEIR FAMILIES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Justice the sum of thirty-three thousand two hundred twelve dollars (\$33,212) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year and the sum of fifty-one thousand two hundred forty dollars (\$51,240) for the 2008-2009 fiscal year to establish and support a consumer protection specialist position in the Department of Justice. The consumer protection specialist shall be responsible for:

- (1) Coordinating consumer complaints from military personnel and their families.
- (2) Providing a single point of contact in the Consumer Protection Division for military personnel, their families, and military attorneys.
- (3) Communicating with military bases in North Carolina on a regular basis to inform the appropriate military offices of the services provided by the Consumer Protection Division, to discover new complaints, and to follow up on cases initiated by military personnel or their families through military offices.

SECTION 2. The Department of Justice shall report to the General Assembly by March 1, 2009, on the consumer protection accomplishments of the new

1 position established by this act. The report shall be submitted to the Chairs of the
2 Justice and Public Safety Subcommittee of the Joint Legislative Commission on
3 Governmental Operations, the Chairs of the House of Representatives and Senate
4 Appropriations Committees, the Chairs of the House of Representatives Appropriations
5 Subcommittee on Justice and Public Safety, the Chairs of the Senate Appropriations
6 Committee on Justice and Public Safety, and the Chairs of the Homeland Security,
7 Military and Veterans Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives.

8 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.