

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**SENATE BILL 382  
Transportation Committee Substitute Adopted 4/22/15**

Short Title: RFI/Privatization of Ferry System.

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March 25, 2015

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE BOARD OF TRANSPORTATION TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR  
2 INFORMATION FOR THE PRIVATIZATION OF THE NORTH CAROLINA FERRY  
3 SYSTEM.  
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** Intent. – The General Assembly finds that the privatization of the  
7 North Carolina Ferry System would provide a more cost-effective service model for the  
8 citizens of the State. Therefore, it is the intent of the General Assembly to ascertain market  
9 interest for the private operation of the North Carolina Ferry System or its component parts.

10 **SECTION 2.** Request for Information. – The Board of Transportation shall issue a  
11 request for information (RFI) for the privatization of the North Carolina Ferry System.

12 **SECTION 3.** Report. – The Board of Transportation shall report to the Joint  
13 Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee and the Fiscal Research Division no later than  
14 February 1, 2016, on the results of the RFI and whether it is more cost-effective to privatize the  
15 North Carolina Ferry System.

16 **SECTION 4.** Study. – The Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee  
17 shall study the feasibility and desirability of privatizing the North Carolina Ferry System. The  
18 study shall include ownership, governance, and regulatory issues related to (i) potential  
19 privatization of the North Carolina Ferry System and (ii) privately owned ferries currently  
20 operating in North Carolina. The Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee shall  
21 report its findings and any legislative proposals to the 2016 Regular Session of the 2015  
22 General Assembly.

23 **SECTION 5.** Effective Date. – This act is effective when it becomes law.

