

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NUMBER: HB 307 – (1st Edition)

SHORT TITLE: Minimum Housing Standards

SPONSOR(S): Representative Gene Arnold

FISCAL IMPACT

Yes ()	No (x)	No Estimate Available ()		
<u>FY 2001-02</u>	<u>FY 2002-03</u>	<u>FY 2003-04</u>	<u>FY 2004-05</u>	<u>FY 2005-06</u>

REVENUES

EXPENDITURES

POSITIONS:

PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) &

PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED: North Carolina municipalities located in more than one county at least one county of which has a population in excess of 71,000.

EFFECTIVE DATE: When the Act becomes law.

BILL SUMMARY: H 307 MINIMUM HOUSING STANDARDS. TO APPLY A LAW CLOSING A LOOPHOLE IN THE MINIMUM HOUSING STANDARDS ACT AS IT APPLIES TO MUNICIPALITIES LOCATED IN COUNTIES WITH POPULATIONS IN EXCESS OF SEVENTY-ONE THOUSAND PEOPLE BY THE LAST CENSUS WHERE THE OWNER CAN AVOID ORDERS TO REPAIR, REMOVE, OR DEMOLISH A RENTAL UNIT BY SIMPLY CLOSING IT SO THAT IT WILL APPLY IN THE ENTIRETY OF A MUNICIPALITY LOCATED IN MORE THAN ONE COUNTY WHERE SOME OF THE MUNICIPALITY IS LOCATED IN A COUNTY THAT MEETS THE POPULATION THRESHOLD. GS 160A-443(5a) authorizes a municipality, in certain circumstances, to order an owner of a dwelling that has become unfit for habitation to repair or demolish the dwelling. Bill extends application of statute to the entirety of any municipality that is located in more than one county, provided at least one of the counties has a population exceeding 71,000. ¹

¹ *Daily Bulletin*, Institute of Government, UNC-Chapel Hill, Vol. 2001, February 28, 2001

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY: House Bill 307 amends G.S. 160A-443(5a) to clarify that the Minimum Housing Standards Act applies to cities who are located in one than more county, where at least one county has a population in excess of 71,000. According to data provided by the North Carolina League of Municipalities, there are 41 cities/towns that are located in more than one county, 34 of which are in more than one county whose population is in excess of 71,000. No funds are necessary to implement this clarifying language.

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS: None

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