

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 1431

Short Title: Military Consumer Protection Specialist. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Martin, Cleveland, Lucas, Underhill (Primary Sponsors); Alexander, B. Allen, Coates, Coleman, Dickson, Faison, Fisher, Folwell, Glazier, Goodwin, Harrison, Jeffus, McAllister, McLawhorn, Moore, Pierce, Ross, Sutton, Vinson, Wainwright, Weiss, Wiley, Wray, and Wright.

Referred to: Appropriations.

April 21, 2005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR A CONSUMER PROTECTION
2 SPECIALIST IN THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO ASSIST MILITARY
3 PERSONNEL AND THEIR FAMILIES.
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
7 Department of Justice the sum of thirty-two thousand five hundred twenty-five dollars
8 (\$32,525) for the 2005-2006 fiscal year and the sum of fifty thousand eight hundred
9 eighteen dollars (\$50,818) for the 2006-2007 fiscal year for a new consumer protection
10 specialist position in the Department of Justice. The consumer protection specialist
11 shall be responsible for (i) coordinating consumer complaints from military personnel
12 and their families; (ii) providing a single point of contact in the Consumer Protection
13 Division for military personnel, their families, and military attorneys; and (iii)
14 communicating with military bases in North Carolina on a regular basis to inform the
15 appropriate military offices of the services provided by the Consumer Protection
16 Division, to discover new complaints, and to follow up on cases initiated by military
17 personnel or their families through military offices.

18 **SECTION 2.** The Department of Justice shall report by April 1 each year of
19 the 2005-2007 biennium to the General Assembly on the consumer protection
20 accomplishments of the new position established by this act. The report shall be
21 submitted to the Chairs of the Justice and Public Safety Subcommittee of the Joint
22 Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations, the Chairs of the House of
23 Representatives and Senate Appropriations Committees, the Chairs of the House of
24 Representatives and Senate Appropriations Subcommittees on Justice and Public Safety,
25 the Chairs of the Military, Veterans and Indian Affairs Committee of the House of

- 1 Representatives, and the Chairs of the Senate Select Committee on Homeland Security,
2 Emergency Management and Military Affairs.
3 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2005.