

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**HOUSE BILL 491**

Short Title: Reduce Handgun Permit Fee. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Hilton; Almond, Barnhart, Blust, Cleveland, Culp, Current, Daughtridg, Eddins, England, Folwell, Frye, Gillespie, Gulley, Hollo, Johnson, LaRoque, McGee, Moore, Rhodes, Setzer, Starnes, Walend, Wiley, and Williams.

Referred to: Finance.

March 7, 2005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO REDUCE THE RENEWAL FEE FOR A CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 14-415.19 reads as rewritten:

**"§ 14-415.19. Fees.**

(a) The permit fees assessed under this Article are payable to the sheriff. The sheriff shall transmit the proceeds of these fees to the county finance officer to be remitted or credited by the county finance officer in accordance with the provisions of this section. Except as otherwise provided by this section, the permit fees are as follows:

Application fee .....	\$80.00
Renewal fee .....	<del>\$75.00</del> <u>\$40.00</u>
Duplicate permit fee .....	\$15.00

The county finance officer shall remit forty-five dollars (\$45.00) of each new application fee and ~~forty dollars (\$40.00)~~ twenty dollars (\$20.00) of each renewal fee assessed under this subsection to the North Carolina Department of Justice for the costs of State and federal criminal record checks performed in connection with processing applications and for the implementation of the provisions of this Article. The remaining thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) of each application ~~or renewal fee~~ and the remaining twenty dollars (\$20.00) of each renewal fee shall be used by the sheriff to pay the costs of administering this Article and for other law enforcement purposes. The county shall expend the restricted funds for these purposes only.

1 (a1) The permit fees for a retired sworn law enforcement officer who provides the  
2 information required by subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection to the sheriff, in  
3 addition to any other information required under this Article, are as follows:

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5	Application fee .....	\$45.00
6	Renewal fee .....	<del>\$40.00</del> <u>\$20.00</u>

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- 8 (1) A copy of the officer's letter of retirement from either the North  
9 Carolina Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System or the  
10 North Carolina Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System.  
11 (2) Written documentation from the head of the agency where the person  
12 was previously employed indicating that the person was neither  
13 involuntarily terminated nor under administrative or criminal  
14 investigation within six months of retirement.

15 The county finance officer shall remit the proceeds of the fees assessed under this  
16 subsection to the North Carolina Department of Justice to cover the cost of performing  
17 the State and federal criminal record checks performed in connection with processing  
18 applications and for the implementation of the provisions of this Article.

19 (b) An additional fee, not to exceed ten dollars (\$10.00), shall be collected by the  
20 sheriff from an applicant for a permit to pay for the costs of processing the applicant's  
21 fingerprints, if fingerprints were required to be taken. This fee shall be retained by the  
22 sheriff."

23 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2005.