

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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HOUSE DRH10733-LD-88A (03/16)

Short Title: Alamance Agriculture Fairs/Carnival Permits. (Local)

Sponsors: Representative Allred.

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO MAKE A LOCAL MODIFICATION FOR ALAMANCE COUNTY AND MUNICIPALITIES WITHIN ALAMANCE COUNTY TO PROVIDE THAT CARNIVALS OR SIMILAR AMUSEMENTS ARE REQUIRED TO APPLY TO THE SHERIFF OF THE COUNTY FOR A PERMIT AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE THAT THE SHERIFF MAY ISSUE SUCH A PERMIT UNLESS THE CARNIVAL OR AMUSEMENT IS SCHEDULED FOR LESS THAN NINETY DAYS PRIOR TO A REGULARLY ADVERTISED NONPROFIT AGRICULTURAL FAIR.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 106-516.1 reads as rewritten:

**"§ 106-516.1. Carnivals and similar amusements not to operate without permit.**

(a) Every person, firm, or corporation engaged in the business of a carnival company or a show of like kind, including menageries, merry-go-rounds, Ferris wheels, riding devices, circus and similar amusements and enterprises ~~operated and conducted for profit~~ shall, prior to exhibiting in any county or any municipality within that county, annually staging ~~an a nonprofit~~ agricultural fair, apply to the sheriff of the county in which the exhibit is to be held for a permit to exhibit. The sheriff of the county ~~shall~~ may issue a permit without charge; provided, however, that no permit shall be issued if ~~he shall find~~ the sheriff finds that the requested exhibition date is less than ~~30~~ 90 days prior to a regularly advertised nonprofit agricultural fair.

(b) Exhibition without a permit from the sheriff of the county in which the exhibition is to be held shall constitute a Class 1 misdemeanor: Provided, that nothing contained in this section shall prevent veterans' organizations and posts chartered by Congress or organized and operated on a statewide or nationwide basis from holding fairs or tobacco festivals on any dates which they may select if such fairs or festivals have heretofore been held as annual events."

**SECTION 2.** This act applies only to Alamance County and to municipalities within Alamance County.

**SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

