

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**SENATE BILL 294\***

Short Title: Williamston/Overgrown Vegetation Ordinance. (Local)

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Sponsors: Senator Jenkins.

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Referred to: State and Local Government.

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February 25, 2009

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF WILLIAMSTON TO EXPEDITE THE  
2 REMOVAL OF OVERGROWN VEGETATION BY AMENDING THE DEFINITION OF  
3 CHRONIC VIOLATOR.  
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 160A-200(a) reads as rewritten:

7 "(a) A municipality may notify a chronic violator of the municipality's overgrown  
8 vegetation ordinance that, if the violator's property is found to be in violation of the ordinance,  
9 the municipality shall, without further notice in the calendar year in which notice is given, take  
10 action to remedy the violation and the expense of the action shall become a lien upon the  
11 property and shall be collected as unpaid taxes. The initial annual notice shall be served by  
12 registered or certified mail. A chronic violator is a person who owns property whereupon, in  
13 the previous calendar year, the municipality took remedial action at least ~~three~~ two times under  
14 the overgrown vegetation ordinance."

15 **SECTION 2.** This act applies to the Town of Williamston only.

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

