

Local Government

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H15 - Convey State Property to Wrightsville Beach. (SL 2018-73)

S.L. 2018-73 requires the State of North Carolina to transfer specific portions of land to the Town of Wrightsville Beach. The act became effective June 25, 2018

H388 - Modernize Mutual Assistance Statutes. (SL 2018-87)

S.L. 2018-87 allows for a law enforcement agency to provide assistance to another law enforcement agency unless specifically prohibited or limited by ordinance.

This act became effective June 25, 2018.

H414 - Official Fly Fishing Museum/Outdoor Festival. (SL 2018-11)

S.L. 2018-11 designates Swain County as the home of the Fly Fishing Museum of the Southern Appalachians, and designates the North Carolina Outdoor Festival held in Montgomery County as the official outdoor festival of the State. This act became effective June 15, 2018.

H425 - State Woolly Worm Festival. (SL 2018-89)

OVERVIEW: S.L. 2018-89 adopts the Woolly Worm Festival in the Town of Banner Elk in Avery County as the official Woolly Worm festival in the State.

The act became effective June 25, 2018.

H573 - Business/Regulatory Changes. (SL 2018-65)

S.L. 2018-65 does the following:

- Authorizes cities to petition the superior court for appointment of a receiver to rehabilitate, demolish, or sell a vacant building when the owner has failed to take corrective action or when an owner voluntarily requests receivership.
- Requires the Building Code Council to provide an exemption from energy efficiency codes for residential garages.
- Amends an authorization for cities to hold a malt beverage or unfortified wine election if certain conditions are met.
- Directs the Environmental Management Commission to adopt rules to amend the Well Standard Rules.

- Directs the Environmental Management Commission to modify a rule that requires construction and demolition debris (C&D) landfills to install and maintain a groundwater monitoring program.
- Directs the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission to revise an advertising rule.

The portion of the act pertaining to vacant building receiverships becomes effective October 1, 2018, and applies to nuisances per se that occur on or after that date or actions that have not been complied with as of that date. The provision of the act pertaining to an exemption from energy efficiency codes for residential garages becomes effective October 1, 2018. The remainder of the act became effective June 25, 2018.

H613 - Transfer Certain State Property. (SL 2018-71)

S.L. 2018-71 requires the State of North Carolina to transfer the following properties:

- A specific 12 acre tract of land to the Granville County Board of Commissioners to be utilized as a cemetery.
- Approximately 109 acres to the Bladen County Board of Commissioners to be utilized as a driver training facility for first responders.

The act became effective July 1, 2018.

H826 - Clarify System Development Fees. (SL 2018-34)

S.L. 2018-34 amends the laws governing the imposition of system development fees to:

- Provide that the planning horizon used in calculating the system development fee is not less than five years, rather than 10 years, effective October 1, 2018.
- Clarify that if revenues from the system development fees are pledged to secure revenue bonds, the revenues may be used in accordance with the bond order, resolution, trust agreement or similar instrument authorizing and securing the bonds, effective July 1, 2018.
- Clarify the timing of the collection of system development fees, effective July 1, 2018.

The act also requires the Environmental Management Commission to review and revise certain rules related to per day usage to reflect newer construction methods no later than January 1, 2020.

H948 - Building Code Regulatory Reform. (SL 2018-29)

S.L. 2018-29 makes changes to the building inspection procedure for cities and counties and to the inspector licensing requirements to:

- Clarify that cities and counties accept authorized inspections by licensed architects or engineers, or persons they supervise, of building components or elements designed by a licensed architect or engineer.
- Authorize the North Carolina Code Officials Qualification Board (Q Board) to establish a marketplace pool of qualified Code-enforcement officials available Statewide for code-enforcement duties.

- Require the Insurance Commissioner to assign marketplace pool inspectors to conduct building inspections when a local inspection department cannot conduct an inspection within two business days of a permit holder's inspection request and authorizes the Commissioner to fix and collect fees for these inspections.
- Authorize cities and counties to enter into mutual aid contracts specifically for North Carolina State Building Code enforcement and administration.
- Require that building framing inspection reports that finding 15 or more violations be submitted to the Department of Insurance, from July 1, 2018 until October 1, 2019.
- Authorize the Q Board to grant a three year provisional certificate to Code-enforcement officials who are certified and in good standing either in another State or by the International Code Council (ICC).
- Define inspector misconduct to include requiring installation of appliances and equipment in a method or manner not required by the State Building Code and contrary to the manufacturer's instructions.

[This act becomes effective October 1, 2018, except as otherwise provided.]