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Short Title: Greenville Fees/Weedy Lots.	(Local)
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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES TO CHARGE A FEE NOT TO EXCEED TEN DOLLARS FOR UNCERTIFIED COPIES OF POLICE INCIDENT OR ACCIDENT REPORTS AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY TO GIVE ANNUAL NOTICE OF VIOLATION TO CHRONIC VIOLATORS OF THE CITY'S OVERGROWN VEGETATION ORDINANCE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

 Section 1. A municipality may charge a fee not to exceed ten dollars (\$10.00) for an uncertified copy of a police incident or accident report, except that a representative of a newspaper, wire service, radio station, or television station shall not be charged a fee that exceeds the municipality's actual cost of making the uncertified copy. The fees collected shall be used for law enforcement purposes only.

Section 2. A municipality may notify a chronic violator of the municipality's overgrown vegetation ordinance that, if the violator's property is found to be in violation of the ordinance, the municipality shall, without further notice in the calendar year in which notice is given, take action to remedy the violation and the expense of the action shall become a lien upon the property and shall be collected as unpaid taxes. The notice shall be served by registered or certified mail. A chronic violator is a person who owns

- property whereupon, in the previous calendar year, the municipality took remedial action at least three times under the overgrown vegetation ordinance.
- Section 3. This act applies to the Town of Denton and the City of Greenville only.
- 5 Section 4. This act is effective when it becomes law.