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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON  
2 APPROPRIATIONS BY ESTABLISHING THE PERCENTAGE RATES FOR THE  
3 INSURANCE REGULATORY CHARGE AND THE PUBLIC UTILITY  
4 REGULATORY FEE, BY CLARIFYING THE BASIS OF THE PREMIUM TAX  
5 LIABILITY ON WHICH THE INSURANCE REGULATORY CHARGE IS  
6 LEVIED, BY INCREASING COURT FEES IN CRIMINAL CASES, AND BY  
7 INCREASING THE FEES FOR FILING CERTAIN DOCUMENTS.  
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9 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

10 Section 1. The percentage rate to be used in calculating the insurance  
11 regulatory charge under G.S. 58-6-25 is eight and seventy-five hundredths percent  
12 (8.75%) for the 1997 calendar year.

13 Section 2. G.S. 58-6-25(a) reads as rewritten:

14 "(a) Charge Levied. – There is levied on each insurance company an annual charge  
15 for the purposes stated in subsection (d) of this section. As used in this section, the term  
16 'insurance company' means a company that pays the gross premiums tax levied in G.S.  
17 105-228.5 and G.S. 105-228.8, except ~~that the term does not include a hospital, medical, or~~  
18 ~~dental service corporation regulated under Articles 65 and 66 of this Chapter. The term~~  
19 ~~"insurance company" does not include a company regulated under Article 67 of this Chapter. a~~

1 service corporation subject to Article 65 of this Chapter. A health maintenance  
2 organization subject to Article 67 of this Chapter is not subject to those taxes and is  
3 therefore not subject to the charge levied in this section. The charge levied in this section  
4 is in addition to all other fees and taxes. The charge shall be at a percentage rate of the  
5 company's premium tax liability for the taxable year. In determining an insurance  
6 company's premium tax liability for a taxable year, additional taxes imposed by ~~G.S. 105-~~  
7 ~~228.8 and G.S. 105-228.8, the additional local fire and lightning tax imposed by ~~G.S. 105-~~~~  
8 ~~228.5(d)(4) G.S. 105-228.5(d)(4), and any tax credits for guaranty or solvency fund~~  
9 assessments under G.S. 105-228.5A or G.S. 97-133(a) shall be disregarded."

10 Section 3. G.S. 97-133(a)(2) reads as rewritten:

11 "(2) Assess each member of the Association as follows:

- 12 a. Each individual member self-insurer shall be annually assessed  
13 an amount equal to one-quarter of one percent (0.25%) of the  
14 annual standard premium that would have been paid by that  
15 member self-insurer for workers' compensation insurance during  
16 the prior calendar year; and payment to the Association shall be  
17 made no later than September 15 following the close of that  
18 calendar year. Where any such assessment is paid based in  
19 whole or in part upon estimates of annual standard premium for  
20 the prior calendar year, there shall be made in the next year's  
21 assessment an adjustment of the assessment of such prior year  
22 based on actual audited annual standard premium. Each group  
23 member self-insurer shall be annually assessed an amount equal  
24 to one-quarter of one percent (0.25%) of the annual premium  
25 collected by the group member self-insurer during the prior  
26 calendar year; and payment to the Association shall be made no  
27 later than September 15 following the close of that calendar year.  
28 Regardless of the size of the Fund, during its first 12 months of  
29 membership, no member self-insurer may discount or reduce this  
30 one-quarter of one percent (0.25%) assessment. Assessments  
31 paid by members pursuant to this subdivision shall be credited  
32 toward the tax paid by self-insurers under ~~G.S. 105-228.5 and G.S.~~  
33 ~~97-100. Article 8B of Chapter 105 of the General Statutes.~~
- 34 b. Each member self-insurer shall be notified of the assessment no  
35 later than 30 days before it is due.
- 36 c. If a self-insurer is a member of the Association for less than a full  
37 calendar year, the annual standard premium shall be adjusted by  
38 that portion of the year the self-insurer is not a member of the  
39 Association.
- 40 d. If application of the contribution rates referenced in sub-  
41 subdivisions a. and b. of this subdivision would produce an  
42 amount in excess of the five million dollar (\$5,000,000) limits of  
43 the fund, an equitable proration may be made; provided that

1 every self-insurer that becomes a member of the Association  
2 shall pay an initial assessment, in an amount established by the  
3 Board, regardless of the size of the fund at the time the member  
4 joins the Association."

5 Section 4. G.S. 97-133(a)(4) reads as rewritten:

6 "(4) Be obligated to the extent of covered claims occurring prior to the  
7 determination of the member self-insurer's insolvency, or occurring  
8 after such determination but prior to the obtaining by the self-insurer of  
9 workers' compensation insurance as otherwise required under this  
10 Chapter. The Association shall pay claims against a self-insurer that are  
11 not or have not been paid as a result of a determination of insolvency or  
12 the institution of bankruptcy or receivership proceedings that occurred  
13 prior to the effective date of this Article; ~~provided that any assessments~~  
14 ~~made to pay such claims may be credited towards the tax paid by the self-~~  
15 ~~insurers under G.S. 97-100; Article."~~

16 Section 5. The percentage rate to be used in calculating the public utility  
17 regulatory fee under G.S. 62-302(b)(2) is nine hundredths percent (0.09%) of each public  
18 utility's North Carolina jurisdictional revenues earned during each quarter that begins on  
19 or after July 1, 1997.

20 Section 6. G.S. 7A-304 reads as rewritten:

21 **"§ 7A-304. Costs in criminal actions.**

22 (a) In every criminal case in the superior or district court, wherein the defendant is  
23 convicted, or enters a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, or when costs are assessed  
24 against the prosecuting witness, the following costs shall be assessed and collected,  
25 except that when the judgment imposes an active prison sentence, costs shall be assessed  
26 and collected only when the judgment specifically so provides, and that no costs may be  
27 assessed when a case is dismissed.

28 (1) For each arrest or personal service of criminal process, including  
29 citations and subpoenas, the sum of five dollars (\$5.00), to be remitted  
30 to the county wherein the arrest was made or process was served, except  
31 that in those cases in which the arrest was made or process served by a  
32 law-enforcement officer employed by a municipality, the fee shall be  
33 paid to the municipality employing the officer.

34 (2) For the use of the courtroom and related judicial facilities, the sum of  
35 six dollars (\$6.00) in the district court, including cases before a  
36 magistrate, and the sum of twenty-four dollars (\$24.00) in superior  
37 court, to be remitted to the county in which the judgment is rendered. In  
38 all cases where the judgment is rendered in facilities provided by a  
39 municipality, the facilities fee shall be paid to the municipality. Funds  
40 derived from the facilities fees shall be used exclusively by the county  
41 or municipality for providing, maintaining, and constructing adequate  
42 courtroom and related judicial facilities, including: adequate space and  
43 furniture for judges, district attorneys, public defenders, magistrates,

1           juries, and other court related personnel; office space, furniture and  
2           vaults for the clerk; jail and juvenile detention facilities; free parking for  
3           jurors; and a law library (including books) if one has heretofore been  
4           established or if the governing body hereafter decides to establish one.  
5           In the event the funds derived from the facilities fees exceed what is  
6           needed for these purposes, the county or municipality may, with the  
7           approval of the Administrative Officer of the Courts as to the amount,  
8           use any or all of the excess to retire outstanding indebtedness incurred  
9           in the construction of the facilities, or to reimburse the county or  
10          municipality for funds expended in constructing or renovating the  
11          facilities (without incurring any indebtedness) within a period of two  
12          years before or after the date a district court is established in such  
13          county, or to supplement the operations of the General Court of Justice  
14          in the county.

15          (3) For the retirement and insurance benefits of both State and local  
16          government law-enforcement officers, the sum of seven dollars and  
17          twenty-five cents (\$7.25), to be remitted to the State Treasurer. Fifty  
18          cents (50¢) of this sum shall be administered as is provided in Article  
19          12C of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes. Five dollars and seventy-  
20          five cents (\$5.75) of this sum shall be administered as is provided in  
21          Article 12E of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes, with one dollar and  
22          twenty-five cents (\$1.25) being administered in accordance with the  
23          provisions of G.S. 143-166.50(e). One dollar (\$1.00) of this sum shall  
24          be administered as is provided in Article 12F of Chapter 143 of the  
25          General Statutes.

26          (3a) For the supplemental pension benefits of sheriffs, the sum of seventy-  
27          five cents (75¢) to be remitted to the Department of Justice and  
28          administered under the provisions of Article 12G of Chapter 143 of the  
29          General Statutes.

30          (4) For support of the General Court of Justice, the sum of ~~forty-six dollars~~  
31          ~~(\$46.00)~~ sixty-one dollars (\$61.00) in the district court, including cases  
32          before a magistrate, and the sum of ~~fifty-three dollars (\$53.00)~~ sixty-eight  
33          dollars (\$68.00) in the superior court, to be remitted to the State  
34          Treasurer.

35          (5) For using pretrial release services, the district or superior court judge  
36          shall, upon conviction, impose a fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) to be  
37          remitted to the county providing the pretrial release services. This cost  
38          shall be assessed and collected only if the defendant had been accepted  
39          and released to the supervision of the agency providing the pretrial  
40          release services.

41          (6) For support of the General Court of Justice, for the issuance by the clerk  
42          of a report to the Division of Motor Vehicles pursuant to G.S. 20-24.2,  
43          the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.00), to be remitted to the State Treasurer.

1           Upon a showing to the court that the defendant failed to appear because  
2           of an error or omission of a judicial official, a prosecutor, or a law-  
3           enforcement officer, the court shall waive this fee.

4           (a1) The costs assessed pursuant to subsection (a) may also be collected by clerks  
5 of court for charges in which a party elects to pay the court's costs to satisfy the  
6 requirements of G.S. 20-7.2. Costs collected pursuant to this subsection shall be  
7 allocated in the same manner as other costs collected pursuant to this section. ~~If a~~A party  
8 who elects to pay the costs of court to satisfy the requirements of G.S. 20-7.2 and is  
9 subsequently adjudged guilty of the same charge by the court, ~~he shall~~is not be required to  
10 pay the costs of court again for that charge, but ~~he is~~ subject to any other orders of the  
11 court, including an order to pay a fine.

12           (b) On appeal, costs are cumulative, and costs assessed before a magistrate shall be  
13 added to costs assessed in the district court, and costs assessed in the district court shall  
14 be added to costs assessed in the superior court, except that the fee for the Law-  
15 Enforcement Officers' Benefit and Retirement Fund and the Sheriffs' Supplemental  
16 Pension Fund and the fee for pretrial release services shall be assessed only once in each  
17 case. No superior court costs shall be assessed against a defendant who gives notice of  
18 appeal from the district court but withdraws it prior to the expiration of the 10-day period  
19 for entering notice of appeal. When a case is reversed on appeal, the defendant shall not  
20 be liable for costs, and the State shall be liable for the cost of printing records and briefs  
21 in the Appellate Division.

22           (c) Witness fees, expenses for blood tests and comparisons incurred by G.S. 8-  
23 50.1(a), jail fees and cost of necessary trial transcripts shall be assessed as provided by  
24 law in addition to other costs set out in this section. Nothing in this section shall limit the  
25 power or discretion of the judge in imposing fines or forfeitures or ordering restitution.

26           (d) In any criminal case in which the liability for costs, fines, restitution, or any  
27 other lawful charge has been finally determined, the clerk of superior court shall, unless  
28 otherwise ordered by the presiding judge, disburse such funds when paid in accordance  
29 with the following priorities:

- 30           (1) Costs due the county;
- 31           (2) Costs due the city;
- 32           (3) Fines to the county school fund;
- 33           (4) Sums in restitution prorated among the persons entitled thereto;
- 34           (5) Costs due the State;
- 35           (6) Attorney's fees.

36           Sums in restitution received by the clerk of superior court shall be disbursed when:

- 37           (1) Complete restitution has been received; or
- 38           (2) When, in the opinion of the clerk, additional payments in restriction will  
39           not be collected; or
- 40           (3) Upon the request of the person or persons entitled thereto; and
- 41           (4) In any event, at least once each calendar year.

42           (e) Unless otherwise provided by law, the costs assessed pursuant to this section  
43 for criminal actions disposed of in the district court are also applicable to infractions

1 disposed of in the district court. The costs assessed in superior court for criminal actions  
 2 appealed from district court to superior court are also applicable to infractions appealed  
 3 to superior court. If an infraction is disposed of in the superior court pursuant to G.S. 7A-  
 4 271(d), costs applicable to the original charge are applicable to the infraction."

5 Section 7. G.S. 55-1-22 reads as rewritten:

6 "**§ 55-1-22. Filing, service, and copying fees.**

7 (a) The Secretary of State shall collect the following fees when the documents  
 8 described in this subsection are delivered to ~~him~~ the Secretary for filing:

9	Document	Fee
10	(1) Articles of incorporation	<del>\$100.00</del>
11		<u>\$125.00</u>
12	(2) Application for reserved name	10.00
13	(3) Notice of transfer of reserved name	10.00
14	(4) Application for registered name	10.00
15	(5) Application for renewal of	
16	registered name	10.00
17	(6) Corporation's statement of change of	
18	registered agent or registered	
19	office or both	5.00
20	(7) Agent's statement of change of	
21	registered office for each affected	
22	corporation	5.00
23	(8) Agent's statement of resignation	No fee
24	(9) Designation of registered agent or	
25	registered office or both	5.00
26	(10) Amendment of articles of	
27	incorporation	50.00
28	(11) Restated articles of incorporation	10.00
29	with amendment of articles	50.00
30	(12) Articles of merger or share exchange	50.00
31	(13) Articles of dissolution	30.00
32	(14) Articles of revocation of	
33	dissolution	10.00
34	(15) Certificate of administrative	
35	dissolution	No fee
36	(16) Application for reinstatement	
37	following administrative dissolution	<del>25.00</del>
38		<u>100.00</u>
39	(17) Certificate of reinstatement	No fee
40	(18) Certificate of judicial dissolution	No fee
41	(19) Application for certificate of	
42	authority	<del>200.00</del>
43		<u>250.00</u>

- 1 (20) Application for amended certificate
- 2 of authority 50.00
- 3 (21) Application for certificate of
- 4 withdrawal 10.00
- 5 (22) Certificate of revocation of
- 6 authority to transact business No fee
- 7 (23) Annual report ~~10.00~~
- 8 20.00
- 9 (24) Articles of correction 10.00
- 10 (25) Application for certificate of
- 11 existence or authorization 5.00
- 12 (26) Any other document required or
- 13 permitted to be filed by this Chapter 10.00.

14 (b) The Secretary of State shall collect a fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) each time  
 15 process is served on ~~him~~ the Secretary under this Chapter. The party to a proceeding  
 16 causing service of process is entitled to recover this fee as costs if ~~he~~ the party prevails in  
 17 the proceeding.

18 (c) The Secretary of State shall collect the following fees for copying, comparing,  
 19 and certifying a copy of any filed document relating to a domestic or foreign corporation:

- 20 (1) One dollar (\$1.00) a page for copying or comparing a copy to the
- 21 original; and
- 22 (2) Five dollars (\$5.00) for the certificate."

23 Section 8. G.S. 55A-1-22 reads as rewritten:

24 **"§ 55A-1-22. Filing, service, and copying fees.**

25 (a) The Secretary of State shall collect the following fees when the documents  
 26 described in this subsection are delivered to the Secretary for filing:

Document	Fee
27 (1) Articles of incorporation	<del>\$50.00</del>
28 <u>\$60.00</u>	
29 (2) Application for reserved name	\$10.00
30 (3) Notice of transfer of reserved name	\$10.00
31 (4) Application for registered name	\$10.00
32 (5) Application for renewal of registered	
33 name	\$10.00
34 (6) Corporation's statement of change of	
35 registered agent or registered office or	
36 both	\$ 5.00
37 (7) Agent's statement of change of registered	
38 office for each affected corporation	\$ 5.00
39 (8) Agent's statement of resignation	No fee
40 (9) Designation of registered agent or	
41 registered office or both	\$ 5.00
42 (10) Amendment of articles of incorporation	\$25.00
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- 1 (11) Restated articles of incorporation without  
2 amendment of articles \$10.00
- 3 (12) Restated articles of incorporation with  
4 amendment of articles \$25.00
- 5 (13) Articles of merger \$25.00
- 6 (14) Articles of dissolution \$15.00
- 7 (15) Articles of revocation of dissolution \$10.00
- 8 (16) Certificate of administrative dissolution No fee
- 9 (17) Application for reinstatement following  
10 administrative dissolution ~~\$25.00~~  
11 \$100.00
- 12 (18) Certificate of reinstatement No fee
- 13 (19) Certificate of judicial dissolution No fee
- 14 (20) Application for certificate of authority ~~\$100.00~~  
15 \$125.00
- 16 (21) Application for amended certificate of  
17 authority \$25.00
- 18 (22) Application for certificate of withdrawal \$10.00
- 19 (23) Certificate of revocation of authority to  
20 conduct affairs No fee
- 21 (24) Corporation's Statement of Change of  
22 Principal Office \$ 5.00
- 23 (24a) Designation of Principal Office Address \$ 5.00
- 24 (25) Articles of correction \$10.00
- 25 (26) Application for certificate of existence or  
26 authorization \$ 5.00
- 27 (27) Any other document required or  
28 permitted to be filed by this Chapter \$10.00."

29 Section 9. G.S. 57C-1-22 reads as rewritten:

30 **"§ 57C-1-22. Filing, service, and copying fees.**

31 (a) The Secretary of State shall collect the following fees when the documents  
32 described in this subsection are delivered to the Secretary of State for filing:

- | <u>Document</u>   | <u>Fee</u>          |
|---|---------------------|
| 34 (1) Articles of organization   | <del>\$100.00</del> |
|   | <u>\$125.00</u>     |
| 36 (2) Application for reserved name  | 10.00               |
| 37 (3) Notice of transfer of reserved name  | 10.00               |
| 38 (4) Application for registered name  | 10.00               |
| 39 (5) Application for renewal of registered name   | 10.00               |
| 40 (6) Limited liability company's statement of<br>41 change of registered agent or registered<br>42 office or both | 5.00                |
| 43 (7) Agent's statement of change of registered  |                     |



1	office for each affected limited	
2	liability company	5.00
3	(8) Agent's statement of resignation	No fee
4	(9) Designation of registered agent or	
5	registered office or both	5.00
6	(10) Amendment of articles of organization	50.00
7	(11) Restated articles of organization	
8	without amendment of articles	10.00
9	(12) Restated articles of organization	
10	with amendment of articles	50.00
11	(13) Articles of merger	50.00
12	(14) Articles of dissolution	30.00
13	(15) Articles of revocation of dissolution	10.00
14	(16) Certificate of administrative dissolution	No fee
15	<u>(16a) Application for reinstatement following</u>	
16	<u>administrative dissolution</u>	<u>100.00</u> (17) Certificate of reinstatement
17	(18) Certificate of judicial dissolution	No fee
18	(19) Application for certificate of authority	<del>200.00</del>
19		<u>250.00</u>
20	(20) Application for amended certificate	
21	of authority	50.00
22	(21) Application for certificate of withdrawal	10.00
23	(22) Certificate of revocation of authority	
24	to transact business	No fee
25	(23) Articles of correction	10.00
26	(24) Application for certificate of existence	
27	or authorization	5.00
28	(25) Annual report	200.00
29	(26) Any other document required or permitted	
30	to be filed by this Chapter	10.00.

(b) The Secretary of State shall collect a fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) each time process is served on the Secretary of State under this Chapter. The party to a proceeding causing service of process is entitled to recover this fee as costs if ~~he~~ the party prevails in the proceeding.

(c) The Secretary of State shall collect the following fees for copying, comparing, and certifying a copy of any filed document relating to a domestic or foreign limited liability company:

- (1) One dollar (\$1.00) a page for copying or comparing a copy to the original; and
- (2) Five dollars (\$5.00) for the certificate."

Section 10. G.S. 105-228.90(a) reads as rewritten:

1       "(a) Scope. – This Article applies to Subchapters I, V, and VIII of this Chapter  
2 Chapter, to the annual report filing requirements of G.S. 55-16-22, and to inspection  
3 taxes levied under Article 3 of Chapter 119 of the General Statutes."

4       Section 11. Article 9 of Chapter 105 of the General Statutes is amended by  
5 adding a new section to read:

6 **"§ 105-256.1. Corporate annual report.**

7       A charge of twenty dollars (\$20.00) is imposed on a corporation that files its annual  
8 report with the Secretary. The charge must be paid when the annual report is filed.  
9 Amounts collected under this section shall be credited to the General Fund as tax  
10 revenue. The Secretary must transmit an annual report filed with the Secretary in  
11 accordance with G.S. 55-16-22 to the Secretary of State."

12       Section 12. G.S. 25-9-403(5) reads as rewritten:

13       "(5) The uniform fee for filing and indexing and for stamping a copy furnished by  
14 the secured party to show the date and place of filing for an original financing statement  
15 or for a continuation statement is ~~eight dollars (\$8.00).~~ fifteen dollars (15.00)."

16       Section 13. G.S. 25-9-405 reads as rewritten:

17 **"§ 25-9-405. Assignment of security interest; duties of filing officer; fees.**

18       (1) A financing statement may disclose an assignment of a security interest in the  
19 collateral described in the financing statement by indication in the financing statement of  
20 the name and address of the assignee or by an assignment itself or a copy thereof on the  
21 face or back of the statement. On presentation to the filing officer of such a financing  
22 statement the filing officer shall mark the same as provided in G.S. 25-9-403(4). The  
23 uniform fee for filing, indexing, and furnishing filing data for a financing statement so  
24 indicating an assignment is ~~eight dollars (\$8.00).~~ fifteen dollars (\$15.00).

25       (2) A secured party may assign of record all or part of his rights under a financing  
26 statement by the filing in the place where the original financing statement was filed of a  
27 separate written statement of assignment signed by the secured party of record and setting  
28 forth the name of the secured party of record and the debtor, the file number and also the  
29 most current file number if it has been continued and the date of filing of the financing  
30 statement and the name and address of the assignee and containing a description of the  
31 collateral assigned. A copy of the assignment is sufficient as a separate statement if it  
32 complies with the preceding sentence. On presentation to the filing officer of such a  
33 separate statement, the filing officer shall mark such separate statement with the date and  
34 hour of the filing. He shall note the assignment on the Uniform Commercial Code index  
35 of the financing statement, and in the case of a fixture filing, or a filing covering timber  
36 to be cut, or covering minerals or the like (including oil and gas) or accounts subject to  
37 subsection (5) of G.S. 25-9-103, he shall index in the real estate index the assignment  
38 under the name of the assignor as grantor and, to the extent that the law of this State  
39 provides for indexing the assignment of a mortgage under the name of the assignee, he  
40 shall index the assignment of the financing statement under the name of the assignee.  
41 The uniform fee for filing, indexing, and furnishing filing data about such a separate  
42 statement of assignment is ~~eight dollars (\$8.00).~~ fifteen dollars (\$15.00). Notwithstanding  
43 the provisions of this subsection, an assignment of record of a security interest in a fixture

1 contained in a mortgage effective as a fixture filing (subsection (6) of G.S. 25-9-402)  
2 may be made only by an assignment of the mortgage in the manner provided by the law  
3 of the State other than this Chapter.

4 (3) After the disclosure or filing of an assignment under this section, the assignee  
5 is the secured party of record."

6 Section 14. G.S. 25-9-406 reads as rewritten:

7 "**§ 25-9-406. Release of collateral; duties of filing officer; fees.**

8 A secured party of record may, by his signed statement, release all or a part of any  
9 collateral described in a filed financing statement. The statement of release is sufficient  
10 if it contains a description of the collateral being released, the name and address of the  
11 debtor, the name and address of the secured party, and the file number of the financing  
12 statement. A statement of release signed by a person other than the secured party of  
13 record must be accompanied by a separate written statement of assignment signed by the  
14 secured party of record and complying with subsection (2) of G.S. 25-9-405, including  
15 payment of the required fee. Upon presentation of such a statement of release to the  
16 filing officer he shall mark the statement with the hour and date of filing and shall note  
17 the same upon the margin of the index of the filing of the financing statement. The  
18 uniform fee for filing and noting such a statement of release is ~~eight dollars (\$8.00)~~ fifteen  
19 dollars (\$15.00)."

20 Section 15. G.S. 25-9-407 reads as rewritten:

21 "**§ 25-9-407. Information from filing officer.**

22 (1) If the person filing any financing statement, termination statement, statement  
23 of assignment or statement of release furnishes the filing officer a copy thereof, the filing  
24 officer shall upon request note upon the copy the file number and date and hour of the  
25 filing of the original and deliver or send the copy to such person.

26 (2) Upon request of any person, the filing officer shall issue his certificate for  
27 which he shall not be liable showing whether there is on file, on the date and hour stated  
28 therein, any presently effective financing statement naming a particular debtor and any  
29 statement of assignment thereof and if there is, giving the date and hour of filing of each  
30 such statement and the names and addresses of each secured party therein. The uniform  
31 fee for such a certificate shall be ~~eight dollars (\$8.00)~~ fifteen dollars (\$15.00). Where the  
32 Uniform Commercial Code index has been automated, the filing officer shall issue a  
33 computer printout of the index entries for a particular debtor for a fee of ~~eight dollars~~  
34 ~~(\$8.00)~~ fifteen dollars (\$15.00). Upon request the filing officer shall furnish a copy of  
35 any filed financing statement or statement of assignment for a uniform fee of one dollar  
36 (\$1.00) per page."

37 Section 16. Sections 1 through 4 and this section of this act are effective when  
38 the act becomes law. Sections 5 and 6 of this act become effective July 1, 1997. G.S. 55-  
39 1-22(a)(23), as amended by Section 7 of this act, becomes effective January 1, 1998, and  
40 applies to tax years ending on or after December 31, 1997. The remaining changes made  
41 by Section 7 of this act become effective July 1, 1997. Sections 8 and 9 of this act  
42 become effective July 1, 1997. Sections 10 and 11 of this act become effective January

- 1 1, 1998, and apply to annual reports filed for tax years ending on or after December 31,
- 2 1997. Sections 12 through 15 of this act become effective July 1, 1997.