

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**HOUSE BILL 904\***

Short Title: Dispose of Firearm/Modify Notice Requirement. (Public)

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Sponsors: Representative Saunders.

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Referred to: Judiciary III.

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March 28, 2005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT NOTIFICATION OF THE DISPOSITION OF  
2 CERTAIN UNCLAIMED FIREARMS MAY BE DONE BY POSTING NOTICE  
3 AT THE HEADQUARTERS OR ON THE WEB SITE OF THE APPROPRIATE  
4 LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY RATHER THAN BY PUBLICATION IN A  
5 NEWSPAPER.  
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7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 15-12 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

9 "(c) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, if the unclaimed property is a  
10 firearm that is in the possession of any sheriff or police department as provided for in  
11 this Article, then the notice required under subsection (a) of this section regarding the  
12 disposal of the firearm may be done in any of the following manners: (i) by publishing  
13 the notice in a newspaper published in the county in which the sheriff or police  
14 department is located, (ii) by posting the notice in an appropriate location at the  
15 headquarters of the sheriff or police department, or (iii) by posting the notice on the  
16 Web site of the sheriff or police department. The notice shall contain the information  
17 required under subsection (a) of this section."

18 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2005.