

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2013

HOUSE BILL 1096
RATIFIED BILL

AN ACT TO ALLOW UNION COUNTY TO USE ATTACHMENT AND GARNISHMENT
AND LIEN FOR COUNTY-CONTRACTED AMBULANCE SERVICE
SUPPLEMENTED BY COUNTY FUNDS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 44-51.4 reads as rewritten:

"§ 44-51.4. **Attachment or garnishment for county or city ambulance or county or city supported ambulance service.**

Whenever ambulance services are provided by a county, by a county-franchised ambulance service supplemented by county funds, by a county-contracted ambulance service supplemented by county funds, or by a municipally owned and operated ambulance service or by an ambulance service supplemented by municipal funds and a recipient of such ambulance services or one legally responsible for the support of a recipient of such services fails to pay charges fixed for such services for a period of 90 days after the rendering of such services, the county or municipality providing the ambulance services, or providing financial support to the ambulance service, may treat the amount due for such services as if it were a tax due to the county or municipality and may proceed to collect the amount due through the use of attachment and garnishment proceedings as set out in G.S. 105-368."

SECTION 2. G.S. 44-51.5 reads as rewritten:

"§ 44-51.5. **General lien for county or city ambulance service.**

There is hereby created a general lien upon the real property of any person who has been furnished ambulance service by a county, by a county-franchised ambulance service supplemented by county funds, by a county-contracted ambulance service supplemented by county funds, or municipal agency or at the expense of a county or municipal government or upon the real property of one legally responsible for the support of any person who has been furnished such ambulance service."

SECTION 3. This act applies to Union County only.

SECTION 4. This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 17th day of July, 2014.

s/ Philip E. Berger
President Pro Tempore of the Senate

s/ Thom Tillis
Speaker of the House of Representatives

