

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 1997

SESSION LAW 1998-122  
HOUSE BILL 915

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT FIREFIGHTERS WHO ENGAGE IN SOME FIRE INSPECTION ACTIVITIES AS A SECONDARY RESPONSIBILITY ARE NOT COVERED BY THE LAW PROHIBITING CONFLICTS OF INTEREST BY INSPECTION DEPARTMENTS UNDER SOME CIRCUMSTANCES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 160A-415 reads as rewritten:

**"§ 160A-415. Conflicts of interest.**

No member of an inspection department or other individual contracting with a city to conduct inspections shall be financially interested or employed by a business that is financially interested in the furnishing of labor, material, or appliances for the construction, alteration, or maintenance of any building within the city's jurisdiction or any part or system thereof, or in the making of plans or specifications therefor, unless he is the owner of the building. No member of an inspection department or other individual contracting with a city to conduct inspections shall engage in any work that is inconsistent with ~~his~~ that person's duties or with the interest of the city. The provisions of this section do not apply to a firefighter whose primary duties are fire suppression and rescue, but who engages in some fire inspection activities as a secondary responsibility of the firefighter's employment as a firefighter, except no firefighter may inspect any work actually done, or materials or appliances supplied, by the firefighter or the firefighter's business within the preceding six years."

Section 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 19th day of August, 1998.

s/ Dennis A. Wicker  
President of the Senate

s/ Harold J. Brubaker  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ James B. Hunt, Jr.  
Governor

Approved 1:07 p.m. this 27th day of August, 1998