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SENATE BILL 1329
Transportation Committee Substitute Adopted 7/16/02

Short Title: DOT Pays County Gas Line Relocation Cost.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

June 12, 2002

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO PAY
2 THE NONBETTERMENT RELOCATION COST FOR MOVING A
3 COUNTY-OWNED GAS LINE LOCATED ON A DEPARTMENT OF
4 TRANSPORTATION RIGHT-OF-WAY IF THE GAS LINE MUST BE MOVED
5 DUE TO A DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CONSTRUCTION
6 PROJECT.
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8 Whereas, Bladen County is an economically distressed rural county; and

9 Whereas, Bladen County has a per capita income of \$14,735; and

10 Whereas, Bladen County has worked diligently to attract industry to insure
11 employment and opportunity for all of its citizens; and

12 Whereas, in furtherance of this goal, Bladen County purchased a natural gas
13 pipeline to encourage economic development in the County; and

14 Whereas, the Department of Transportation must now move the
15 County-owned natural gas pipeline to complete a highway project; and

16 Whereas, the relocation of the natural gas pipeline will detrimentally impact
17 Bladen County's limited financial resources; and

18 Whereas, the Department of Transportation is currently required to pay the
19 relocation cost for utilities of similarly situated small municipalities with limited
20 resources; Now, therefore,

21 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

22 **SECTION 1.** Chapter 136 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a
23 new section to read:

24 **"§ 136-27.2. Relocation of county-owned natural gas lines located on Department**
25 **of Transportation right-of-way.**

26 The Department of Transportation shall pay the nonbetterment cost for the
27 relocation of county-owned natural gas lines, located within the existing State highway
28 right-of-way, that the Department needs to relocate due to a State highway improvement
29 project."

1 **SECTION 2.** The Department of Transportation is directed to use monies
2 appropriated to the Department to relocate county-owned natural gas lines located on
3 Department of Transportation right-of-way.

4 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.