GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 448*

Short Title:	Make Overgrown Vegetation Law Statewide.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Representatives Jackson; and Gulley.	
Referred to:	Local Government I, if favorable, Judiciary II.	

March 9, 2009

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO MAKE STATEWIDE A LOCAL ACT AUTHORIZING MUNICIPALITIES TO GIVE ANNUAL NOTICE TO CHRONIC VIOLATORS OF ITS OVERGROWN VEGETATION ORDINANCES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 160A-200 reads as rewritten:

"**§ 160A-200. Annual notice to chronic violators of overgrown vegetation ordinances.**

~~(a)~~ A municipality may notify a chronic violator of the municipality's overgrown vegetation ordinance that, if the violator's property is found to be in violation of the ordinance, the municipality shall, without further notice in the calendar year in which notice is given, take action to remedy the violation and the expense of the action shall become a lien upon the property and shall be collected as unpaid taxes. The initial annual notice shall be served by registered or certified mail. A chronic violator is a person who owns property whereupon, in the previous calendar year, the municipality took remedial action at least three times under the overgrown vegetation ordinance.

~~(b) This section applies to the Towns of Ahoskie, Ayden, Franklinton, Leland, Marshville, Pinetops, Pineville, Smithfield, Spring Lake, Wingate, and Yadkinville, and to the Cities of Durham, Eden, Gastonia, Greensboro, High Point, Lexington, Louisburg, Monroe, Mount Airy, Reidsville, Roanoke Rapids, Rockingham, Rocky Mount, Wadesboro, and Winston-Salem only~~"

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