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HOUSE BILL 44

Short Title: Cities/Overgrown Vegetation Notice. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Conrad, Lambeth, Hanes, and Terry (Primary Sponsors).  
*For a complete list of Sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly Web Site.*

Referred to: Local Government, if favorable, Regulatory Reform.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT AUTHORIZING CITIES TO PROVIDE ANNUAL NOTICE TO CHRONIC  
3 VIOLATORS OF OVERGROWN VEGETATION ORDINANCES BY REGULAR MAIL  
4 AND POSTING.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

7 "§ 160A-200. Annual notice to chronic violators of overgrown vegetation ordinances.

8 (a) A municipality may notify a chronic violator of the municipality's overgrown  
9 vegetation ordinance that, if the violator's property is found to be in violation of the ordinance,  
10 the municipality shall, without further notice in the calendar year in which notice is given, take  
11 action to remedy the violation and the expense of the action shall become a lien upon the  
12 property and shall be collected as unpaid taxes. The initial annual notice shall be served by  
13 registered or certified mail. When service is attempted by registered or certified mail, a copy of  
14 the notice may also be sent by regular mail. Service shall be deemed sufficient if the registered  
15 or certified mail is unclaimed or refused, but the regular mail is not returned by the post office  
16 within 10 days after the mailing. If service by regular mail is used, a copy of the notice shall be  
17 posted in a conspicuous place on the premises affected. A chronic violator is a person who  
18 owns property whereupon, in the previous calendar year, the municipality took remedial action  
19 at least three times under the overgrown vegetation ordinance.

20 (b) Repealed by Session Laws 2009-19, s. 1, effective April 30, 2009."

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

