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HOUSE BILL 873

Short Title: Hospital Police Officers/Powers. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Jordan (Primary Sponsor).

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Referred to: Judiciary II.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO EXPAND THE ARREST AND LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY OF  
3 HOSPITAL POLICE OFFICERS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 SECTION 1. G.S. 74E-6 reads as rewritten:

6 "§ 74E-6. Oaths, powers, and authority of company police officers.

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8 (b) Categories. – The following ~~three~~four distinct classifications of company police  
9 officers are established:

10 (1) Campus Police Officers. – Only those company police officers who are  
11 employed by any college or university that is a constituent institution of The  
12 University of North Carolina or any private college or university that is  
13 licensed or exempted from licensure as prescribed by G.S. 116-15, and who  
14 are employed by a campus police agency that was licensed pursuant to this  
15 Chapter prior to the enactment of Chapter 74G of the General Statutes.

16 (1a) Hospital Police Officers. – Those company police officers employed by, or  
17 contracted with, a local hospital or hospital authority.

18 (2) Railroad Police Officers. – Those company police officers who are  
19 employed by a certified rail carrier and commissioned as company police  
20 officers under this Chapter.

21 (3) Special Police Officers – All company police officers not designated as a  
22 campus police ~~officer or~~officer, railroad police ~~officer~~officer, or hospital  
23 police officer.

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25 (e) Railroad Police. – Railroad police officers have the powers contained in subsection  
26 (c) and also have the powers and authority granted by federal law or by a regulation  
27 promulgated by the United States Secretary of Transportation. Notwithstanding any of the  
28 provisions of this Chapter, the limitations on the power to make arrests contained in subsection  
29 (c) above, shall not be applicable to railroad police officers commissioned by the Attorney  
30 General pursuant to the authority of this Chapter.

31 (e1) Hospital Police. – Hospital police officers have the powers contained in subsection  
32 (c) of this section and also have the powers in that subsection upon that portion of any public  
33 road or highway passing through or immediately adjoining the property described in that  
34 subsection, wherever located. The chief executive officer of any local hospital or hospital  
35 authority that employs or contracts with hospital police officers may do the following:



- 1           (1)    Enter into joint agreements with the governing board of any municipality to
- 2                    extend the law enforcement authority of hospital police officers into any or
- 3                    all of the municipality's jurisdiction and to determine the circumstances in
- 4                    which this extension of authority may be granted.
- 5           (2)    Enter into joint agreements with the governing board of any county, with the
- 6                    consent of the sheriff, to extend the law enforcement authority of hospital
- 7                    police officers into any or all of the county's jurisdiction and to determine
- 8                    the circumstances in which this extension of authority may be granted.
- 9           ...."
- 10           **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2015.