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SENATE BILL 492
Finance Committee Substitute Adopted 5/17/17

Short Title: T & U Visa/Fees.

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Sponsors:

Referred to:

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO CLARIFY THAT COMPLETION OF T AND U VISA VERIFICATIONS IS
3 DISCRETIONARY ON THE PART OF LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AND TO
4 AUTHORIZE A FEE.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** Chapter 64 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new
7 Article to read:

8 "Article 3.

9 "T and U Visa Verification.

10 **"§ 64-49. Authority of certifying agencies.**

11 (a) Except as otherwise provided by federal law, nothing shall limit a certifying
12 agency's discretion to complete a law enforcement certification for an applicant for a T or U
13 visa.

14 (b) As used in this section, the term "certifying agency" means any of the following:

15 (1) A sheriff.

16 (2) The chief law enforcement officer for a city or county police department.

17 (3) A district attorney.

18 (4) A superior or district court judge.

19 (5) Any other State or local authority having responsibility for the investigation
20 or prosecution of a qualifying crime or criminal activity under section
21 101(a)(15)(U)(iii) of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

22 (c) A certifying agency shall charge the applicant the fee established in G.S. 7A-322 for
23 completion of the certification."

24 **SECTION 2.** Article 28 of Chapter 7A of the General Statutes is amended by
25 adding a new section to read:

26 **"§ 7A-322. Uniform fee for completion of law enforcement T and U visa certification.**

27 A certifying agency shall charge an applicant a fee of five dollars (\$5.00) for completing a
28 form I-914 Supplement B or a form I-918 Supplement B. The term certifying agency is as
29 defined in G.S. 64-49(b)."

30 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2017.

