

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 945

Short Title: Uniform Jail Fees.

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Sponsors: Representatives Hensley; and Flaherty.

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Referred to: Finance.

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April 19, 1991

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW PROVIDING FOR UNIFORM JAIL FEES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 7A-313 reads as rewritten:

"§ 7A-313. **Uniform jail fees.**

Only persons who are lawfully confined in jail awaiting trial, or who are ordered to pay jail fees pursuant to a probationary sentence, shall be liable to the county or municipality maintaining the jail in the sum of ~~five~~ fourteen dollars and fifty cents ~~(\$5.00)~~ (\$14.50) for each 24 hours' confinement, or fraction thereof, except that a person so confined shall not be liable for this fee if the case or proceeding against him is dismissed, or if acquitted, or if judgment is arrested, or if probable cause is not found, or if the grand jury fails to return a true bill.

In no event shall the aggregate of jail costs for a person confined in a county or municipal jail exceed two hundred ninety dollars (\$290.00). However, nothing in this act prohibits any municipal or county jail from agreeing to house federal prisoners under contract or agreement with the federal government, for any length of time, or from collecting a fee from the federal government in any amount for such services."

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1991, and applies to persons incarcerated on or after that date.