

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 1999

HOUSE BILL 1541  
RATIFIED BILL

AN ACT TO MAKE IT A CRIMINAL OFFENSE IN CAMDEN COUNTY TO OBTAIN AMBULANCE SERVICES WITH NO INTENT TO PAY FOR THOSE SERVICES OR TO MAKE AN UNNECESSARY AMBULANCE REQUEST AND TO AUTHORIZE CAMDEN COUNTY TO COLLECT AMBULANCE CHARGES THROUGH THE USE OF ATTACHMENT AND GARNISHMENT PROCEEDINGS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 14-111.2 reads as rewritten:

**"§ 14-111.2. Obtaining ambulance services without intending to pay therefor – certain named counties.**

Any person who with intent to defraud shall obtain ambulance services without intending at the time of obtaining such services to pay, if financially able, any reasonable charges therefor shall be guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor. A determination by the court that the recipient of such services has willfully failed to pay for the services rendered for a period of 90 days after request for payment, and that the recipient is financially able to do so, shall raise a presumption that the recipient at the time of obtaining the services intended to defraud the provider of the services and did not intend to pay for the services.

The section shall apply to Anson, Ashe, Beaufort, Caldwell, Camden, Caswell, Catawba, Chatham, Cherokee, Clay, Cleveland, Cumberland, Davie, Duplin, Durham, Forsyth, Gaston, Graham, Guilford, Haywood, Henderson, Hoke, Hyde, Iredell, Macon, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Orange, Pasquotank, Person, Polk, Randolph, Robeson, Rockingham, Scotland, Stanly, Surry, Transylvania, Union, Vance, Washington, Wilkes and Yadkin Counties only."

Section 2. G.S. 14-111.3 reads as rewritten:

**"§ 14-111.3. Making unneeded ambulance request in certain counties.**

It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to willfully obtain or attempt to obtain ambulance service that is not needed, or to make a false request or report that an ambulance is needed. Every person convicted of violating this section shall be guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor.

This section shall apply only to the Counties of Ashe, Buncombe, Camden, Cherokee, Clay, Cleveland, Davie, Duplin, Durham, Graham, Greene, Haywood, Hoke, Macon, Madison, Polk, Robeson, Washington, Wilkes and Yadkin."

Section 3. G.S. 44-51.8 reads as rewritten:

**"§ 44-51.8. Counties to which Article applies.**

The provisions of this Article shall apply only to Alamance, Alexander, Alleghany, Anson, Ashe, Beaufort, Bladen, Brunswick, Buncombe, Burke, Cabarrus, Camden, Caldwell, Caswell, Catawba, Chatham, Cherokee, Chowan, Cleveland, Columbus, Craven, Cumberland, Dare, Davidson, Davie, Duplin, Durham, Edgecombe, Forsyth, Franklin, Gaston, Graham, Granville, Greene, Guilford, Halifax, Harnett, Haywood, Henderson, Hertford, Hoke, Hyde, Iredell, Johnston, Jones, Lee, Lenoir, Lincoln, McDowell, Macon, Madison, Mecklenburg, Mitchell, Montgomery, Moore, Nash, New Hanover, Onslow, Pasquotank, Person, Pitt, Polk, Randolph, Richmond, Robeson, Rockingham, Rowan, Rutherford, Sampson, Scotland, Stanly, Stokes, Surry, Swain,

Transylvania, Tyrrell, Union, Vance, Wake, Warren, Washington, Watauga, Wilkes, Wilson, Yadkin and Yancey Counties."

Section 4. This act becomes effective December 1, 2000, and applies only to Camden County. Sections 1 and 2 of this act apply only to offenses committed on or after December 1, 2000.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 20th day of June, 2000.

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Dennis A. Wicker  
President of the Senate

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James B. Black  
Speaker of the House of Representatives