

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 685\*  
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Short Title: Arrest Warrants/Copies.

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March 30, 1999

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER MAY ARREST A  
3 PERSON ON PRIVATE PREMISES OR IN A VEHICLE IN ACCORDANCE  
4 WITH STATE LAW WITH A COPY OF THE ORIGINAL ARREST WARRANT  
5 OR ORDER.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 Section 1. G.S. 15A-401(e) reads as rewritten:

8 "(e) Entry on Private Premises or Vehicle; Use of Force. –

9 (1) A law-enforcement officer may enter private premises or a vehicle to  
10 effect an arrest when:

11 a. The officer has in his possession a warrant or order or a copy of  
12 the warrant or order for the arrest of a ~~person~~ person, provided  
13 that an officer may utilize a copy of a warrant or order only if the  
14 original warrant or order is in the possession of a member of a  
15 law enforcement agency located in the county where the officer  
16 is employed and the officer verifies with the agency that the

- 1                    warrant is current and valid; or the officer is authorized to arrest  
2                    a person without a warrant or order having been issued,  
3                    b.     The officer has reasonable cause to believe the person to be  
4                    arrested is present, and  
5                    c.     The officer has given, or made reasonable effort to give, notice of  
6                    his authority and purpose to an occupant thereof, unless there is  
7                    reasonable cause to believe that the giving of such notice would  
8                    present a clear danger to human life.  
9                    (2)    The law-enforcement officer may use force to enter the premises or  
10                   vehicle if he reasonably believes that admittance is being denied or  
11                   unreasonably delayed, or if he is authorized under subsection (e)(1)c to  
12                   enter without giving notice of his authority and purpose."  
13                   Section 2. This act becomes effective October 1, 1999.