

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2001**

**SENATE BILL 1392
RATIFIED BILL**

**AN ACT TO REDUCE THE REQUIRED STORAGE PERIOD FOR UNCLAIMED
PROPERTY HELD BY LAW ENFORCEMENT IN MECKLENBURG COUNTY.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 15-12(a) reads as rewritten:

"(a) Unless otherwise provided herein, whenever such articles in the possession of any sheriff or police department have remained unclaimed by the person who may be entitled thereto for a period of ~~180~~ 60 days after such seizure, confiscation, or receipt thereof in any other manner, by such sheriff or police department, the said sheriff or police department in whose possession said articles are may cause to be published one time in some newspaper published in said county a notice to the effect that such articles are in the custody of such officer or department, and requiring all persons who may have or claim any interest therein to make and establish such claim or interest not later than 30 days from the date of the publication of such notice or in default thereof, such articles will be sold and disposed of. Such notice shall contain a brief description of the said articles and such other information as the said officer or department may consider necessary or advisable to reasonably inform the public as to the kind and nature of the article about which the notice relates."

SECTION 2. This act applies only to Mecklenburg County.

SECTION 3. This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to property received by the sheriff or police department on or after that date.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 27th day of August, 2002.

Marc Basnight
President Pro Tempore of the Senate

James B. Black
Speaker of the House of Representatives