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Senate State Government, Local Government, and Veterans' Affairs Committee
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Short Title: Notice to Chronic Violators.

(Local)

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF DURHAM TO GIVE ANNUAL NOTICE
3 TO CHRONIC VIOLATORS OF THE CITY'S REFUSE AND DEBRIS
4 ORDINANCE WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE THAT CALENDAR YEAR.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** A municipality may notify a chronic violator of the
7 municipality's refuse and debris ordinance that, if the violator's property is found to be
8 in violation of the ordinance, the municipality may, without further notice in the
9 calendar year in which the notice is given, take action to remedy the violation, and the
10 expense of the action shall become a lien upon the violator's property and shall be
11 collected as unpaid taxes. The initial annual notice shall be served by registered or
12 certified mail. Under this section, a chronic violator is a person who owns property
13 whereupon, in the previous calendar year, the municipality took remedial action at least
14 three times under the refuse and debris ordinance.

15 **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this act applies to the City of Durham only.

16 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.