

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
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**HOUSE BILL 1594**

Short Title: UP Zones - Technical Corrections. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Gibson, Owens, Daughtridge, and Wainwright (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Commerce, Small Business and Entrepreneurship, if favorable, Finance.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT TO CORRECT REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO URBAN PROGRESS  
ZONES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 143B-437.09(a) reads as rewritten:

"(a) Urban Progress Zone Defined. – An urban progress zone is an area comprised of one or more contiguous census tracts, census block groups, or both, or parts thereof, in the most recent federal decennial census that meets all conditions in this subsection.

(1) All land within the zone is located in whole within the primary corporate limits of a municipality with a population of more than 10,000 according to the most recent annual population estimates certified by the State Budget Officer.

(2) ~~Every~~ Each census tract and census block group that composes part of the zone meets at least one of the following conditions:

a. More than twenty percent (20%) of its population is below the poverty level according to the most recent federal decennial census.

b. At least fifty percent (50%) of the area of the portion that is within the primary corporate limits of the municipality is zoned as nonresidential and the census tract or census block group is adjacent to a census tract or block group ~~of which at least twenty percent (20%) of the population is below the poverty level.~~ that qualifies under sub-subdivision (2)a. of this subsection. No more than thirty-five percent (35%) of the total area of the zone may qualify under this sub-subdivision.

(3) ~~The area of the zone zoned as nonresidential does not exceed thirty-five percent (35%) of the total area of the zone.~~"

**SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.