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HOUSE BILL 1678

Short Title: LRC Study Littering. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Cole; Dickson, Glazier, Harrison, Moore, Ross, and Saunders.

Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

April 19, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO
3 STUDY LITTERING AND THE ENFORCEMENT ISSUES REGARDING THAT
4 OFFENSE.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** The Legislative Research Commission may study littering, the
7 enforcement issues regarding that offense, and ways to make antilitter laws and efforts
8 more effective. In its study, the Legislative Research Commission may consider the
9 current law regarding littering, including civil remedies and penalties as well as criminal
10 penalties for littering offenses, the detrimental effect that littering has on the State's
11 tourism industry, and the costs to the State for cleaning up litter. The Commission may
12 consider successful antilitter campaigns and strategies used by other states and any other
13 issues that it deems relevant to the study. The Commission may make
14 recommendations regarding antilitter strategies and remedies or criminal penalties that
15 may be more effective in addressing litter issues, including any proposed legislation for
16 consideration by the 2007 General Assembly, Regular Session 2008, or by the 2009
17 General Assembly.

18 **SECTION 2.** The Legislative Research Commission may make an interim
19 report to the 2007 General Assembly, Regular Session 2008, and shall make its final
20 report to the 2009 General Assembly upon its convening.

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