

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**SESSION 2007**

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**HOUSE BILL 2432\***

Short Title: Study/Local Disaster Mgmt. Capability. (Public)

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Sponsors: Representatives Martin, Glazier, McComas, Wainwright (Primary Sponsors); Barnhart, Coleman, Daughtry, Harrison, Justice, Kiser, Lucas, Pate, Rapp, Tillis, Underhill, Weiss, West, Williams, and Wray.

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Referred to: Homeland Security, Military, and Veterans Affairs.

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May 26, 2008

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE NORTH CAROLINA DIVISION OF EMERGENCY  
3 MANAGEMENT, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA  
4 ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, TO STUDY AND DEVELOP  
5 PLANS TO ENHANCE DISASTER MANAGEMENT CAPABILITIES AT THE  
6 COUNTY LEVEL.

7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 **SECTION 1.** The Division of Emergency Management, in consultation with  
9 the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners, shall study ways and develop  
10 plans to increase the capabilities of counties to plan for, respond to, and manage  
11 disasters at the local level. Plans developed shall include time lines for implementation  
12 and estimates of funding needs and shall address:

- 13 (1) Mandating, if determined necessary, the establishment and  
14 maintenance of emergency management agencies at the county level.  
15 (2) Increasing the number of counties employing full-time emergency  
16 management coordinators, such that every county in the State, either  
17 individually or pursuant to a joint undertaking between two or more  
18 counties, has a full-time local emergency management coordinator  
19 available.  
20 (3) Implementing an emergency management certification requirement for  
21 all local emergency management coordinators and other essential local  
22 emergency management personnel.  
23 (4) Developing a model registry for use by the counties in identifying  
24 functionally and medically fragile persons in need of assistance during  
25 a disaster and in allocating resources to meet those needs.  
26 (5) Establishing a registry program for functionally and medically fragile  
27 persons in all counties.

1           **SECTION 2.** The Division of Emergency Management shall report the  
2 results of its study and provide the plans developed to the Chairs of the Joint Select  
3 Committee on Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Management Recovery and the  
4 House of Representatives and Senate Appropriations Subcommittees on Natural and  
5 Economic Resources no later than December 1, 2008.

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