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SENATE BILL 942
Commerce, Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee Substitute Adopted
5/17/07
House Committee Substitute Favorable 7/9/08

Short Title: Prohibit Restricting Newspaper Distribution.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 20, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FROM ENACTING
ORDINANCES THAT WOULD RESTRICT DISTRIBUTION OF
NEWSPAPERS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 20-175(d) reads as rewritten:

"(d) Local governments may enact ordinances restricting or prohibiting a person from standing on any street, highway, or right-of-way excluding sidewalks while soliciting, or attempting to solicit, any employment, business, or contributions from the driver or occupants of any vehicle. No local government may enact or enforce any ordinance that prohibits the news media from engaging in the distribution of newspapers on the non-traveled portion of any street or highway except when the distribution activities of the media industry impede the normal movement of traffic on the street or highway. This subsection does not permit additional restrictions or prohibitions on the activities of licensees, employees, or contractors of the Department of Transportation or of any municipality engaged in construction or maintenance or in making traffic or engineering surveys except as provided in subsection (e) of this section."

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