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SENATE BILL 660

Short Title: Uniform Ferry Tolling. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Harrington, Rabon (Primary Sponsors); Hise and Meredith.

Referred to: Transportation.

April 4, 2013

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH UNIFORM FERRY TOLLING THROUGHOUT NORTH
3 CAROLINA.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 136.82 reads as rewritten:

6 "**§ 136-82. Department of Transportation to establish and maintain ferries.**

7 The Department of Transportation is vested with authority to provide for the establishment
8 and maintenance of ferries connecting the parts of the State highway system, whenever in its
9 discretion the public good may ~~so require, require, and shall collect tolls, as established by the~~
10 ~~Board of Transportation, on the ferry routes.~~ The Board of Transportation shall establish tolls
11 for all ferry routes, ~~except for the Ocracoke/Hatteras Ferry and the Knotts Island Ferry and the~~
12 Department of Transportation shall collect the tolls.

13 To accomplish the purpose of this section said Department of Transportation is authorized
14 to acquire, own, lease, charter or otherwise control all necessary vessels, boats, terminals or
15 other facilities required for the proper operation of such ferries or to enter into contracts with
16 persons, firms or corporations for the operation thereof and to pay therefor such reasonable
17 sums as may in the opinion of said Department of Transportation represent the fair value of the
18 public service rendered.

19 The Department of Transportation, notwithstanding any other provision of law, may
20 operate, or contract for the operation of, concessions on the ferries and at ferry facilities to
21 provide to passengers on the ferries food, drink, and other refreshments, personal comfort
22 items, and souvenirs publicizing the ferry system."

23 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2013.



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