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HOUSE BILL 524

Short Title: Counties/Periodic Availability Charge. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Burr (Primary Sponsor).

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Referred to: Local Government, if favorable, Finance.

April 2, 2015

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT AUTHORIZING COUNTIES TO CHARGE A PERIODIC AVAILABILITY
CHARGE FOR WATER OR SEWER SERVICE AVAILABLE TO DEVELOPED
PROPERTY IN LIEU OF REQUIRING CONNECTION TO THE SERVICE LINES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 153A-284 reads as rewritten:

"§ 153A-284. **Power to require connections.**

(a) A county may require the owner of developed property on which there are situated one or more residential dwelling units or commercial establishments located so as to be served by a water line or sewer collection line owned, leased as lessee, or operated by the county or on behalf of the county to connect the owner's premises with the water or sewer line and may fix charges for these connections. In lieu of requiring connection under this subsection, the county may require payment of a periodic availability charge, not to exceed the minimum periodic service charge for properties that are connected.

(b) In the case of improved property that would qualify for the issuance of a building permit for the construction of one or more residential dwelling units or commercial establishments and where the county has installed water or sewer lines or a combination thereof directly available to the property, the county may require payment of a periodic availability charge, not to exceed the minimum periodic service charge for properties that are connected."

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



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