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SENATE BILL 53*

Short Title:	Cities/Overgrown Vegetation Notice.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Senators Krawiec and Lowe (Primary Sponsors).	
Referred to:	Rules and Operations of the Senate.	

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT AUTHORIZING CITIES TO PROVIDE ANNUAL NOTICE TO CHRONIC VIOLATORS OF OVERGROWN VEGETATION ORDINANCES BY REGULAR MAIL AND POSTING.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 160A-200 reads as rewritten:

"**§ 160A-200. Annual notice to chronic violators of overgrown vegetation ordinances.**

(a) A municipality may notify a chronic violator of the municipality's overgrown vegetation ordinance that, if the violator's property is found to be in violation of the ordinance, the municipality shall, without further notice in the calendar year in which notice is given, take action to remedy the violation and the expense of the action shall become a lien upon the property and shall be collected as unpaid taxes. The initial annual notice shall be served by registered or certified mail. <u>When service is attempted by registered or certified mail, a copy of the notice may also be sent by regular mail. Service shall be deemed sufficient if the registered or certified mail is unclaimed or refused, but the regular mail is not returned by the post office within 10 days after the mailing. If service by regular mail is used, a copy of the notice shall be posted in a conspicuous place on the premises affected.</u> A chronic violator is a person who owns property whereupon, in the previous calendar year, the municipality took remedial action at least three times under the overgrown vegetation ordinance.

(b) Repealed by Session Laws 2009-19, s. 1, effective April 30, 2009."

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