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HOUSE BILL 673

Short Title: Clarify Regulations on Adult Entertainment. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Zenger, Pless, Loftis, and Lambeth (Primary Sponsors).  
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Referred to: Judiciary 2, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

April 19, 2023

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE REGULATIONS ON ADULT LIVE ENTERTAINMENT.  
3 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

4 **SECTION 1.** Article 26 of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes is amended by adding  
5 a new section to read:

6 "**§ 14-190.15A. Restrictions on adult live entertainment.**

7 (a) Definition. – For purposes of this section, the term "adult live entertainment" means  
8 a performance featuring topless dancers, exotic dancers, strippers, or male or female  
9 impersonators who provide entertainment that appeals to a prurient interest, regardless of whether  
10 or not performed for consideration.

11 (b) Offense. – It is unlawful for a person to engage in adult live entertainment (i) on public  
12 property or (ii) in a location where the adult live entertainment is in the presence of an individual  
13 under the age of 18.

14 (c) Punishment. – A person who violates subsection (b) of this section is guilty of a Class  
15 A1 misdemeanor for the first offense. A person who violates subsection (b) of this section is  
16 guilty of a Class I felony for a second or subsequent offense."

17 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2023, and applies to offenses  
18 committed on or after that date.

