

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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CHAPTER 375
HOUSE BILL 682

AN ACT TO ALLOW THE USE OF THE STATE COURIER SERVICE OR A
COMMON OR CONTRACT CARRIER IN ADDITION TO THE UNITED
STATES MAIL FOR PURPOSES OF MAINTAINING A CHAIN OF CUSTODY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Chapter 8 of the North Carolina General Statutes, as the same is found in Volume 1B of the General Statutes, 1981 Replacement, is amended by adding a new Article 14 to read as follows:

"ARTICLE 14.

"Chain of Custody.

"§ 8-100. **Courier service and contract carriers.** – For purposes of maintaining a chain of custody for any item of evidence, depositing the item with the State courier service operated by the Department of Administration or a common or contract carrier shall be considered the same as depositing such item in First Class United States Mail."

Sec. 2. G.S. 90-101(c)(2), as the same is found in the 1981 Supplement to Volume 2C of the General Statutes, 1981 Replacement, is amended by rewriting the first line to read:

"(2) The State courier service operated by the Department of Administration, a common or contract carrier, or a public warehouseman, or an".

Sec. 3. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 23rd day of May, 1983.