

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1997 SESSION

S.L. 1997-112
HOUSE BILL 122

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF THE STATE CAPITOL POLICE AND THE CHIEF OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY POLICE TO PROVIDE FOR THE EVACUATION OF STATE AND LEGISLATIVE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS IN THE EVENT OF EMERGENCY OR POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Article 36 of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 143-341.1. Evacuation of State buildings and grounds.

The Director of the State Capitol Police, appointed by the Secretary pursuant to G.S. 143-340(22), or the Director's designee, shall exercise at all times those means that, in the opinion of the Director or the designee, may be effective in protecting all State buildings and grounds, except for the State legislative buildings and grounds as defined in G.S. 120-32.1(d), and the persons within those buildings and grounds from fire, bombs, bomb threats, or any other emergency or potentially hazardous conditions, including both the ordering and control of the evacuation of those buildings and grounds. The Director or the Director's designee may employ the assistance of other available law enforcement agencies and emergency agencies to aid and assist in evacuations of those buildings and grounds."

Section 2. Article 7 of Chapter 120 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 120-32.1A. Evacuation of legislative buildings and grounds.

The Chief of the General Assembly Police, or the Chief's designee, shall exercise at all times those means that, in the opinion of the Chief, or the Chief's designee, may be effective in protecting the State legislative buildings and grounds and the persons within those buildings and grounds from fire, bombs, bomb threats, or any other emergency or potentially hazardous conditions, including both the ordering and control of the evacuation of those buildings and grounds. The Chief, or the Chief's designee, may employ the assistance of other available law enforcement agencies and emergency agencies to aid and assist in evacuations of the legislative buildings and grounds."

Section 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 19th day of May, 1997.

s/ Dennis A. Wicker
President of the Senate

s/ Harold J. Brubaker
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ James B. Hunt, Jr.
Governor

Approved 4:31 p.m. this 29th day of May, 1997