

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 1997

SESSION LAW 1998-58
HOUSE BILL 354

AN ACT TO ELIMINATE THE REQUIREMENT OF CERTIFIED MAIL NOTICE
IN BOND FORFEITURE CASES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 15A-544(b) reads as rewritten:

"(b) If the principal does not comply with the conditions of the bail bond, the court having jurisdiction must enter an order declaring the bail to be forfeited. If forfeiture is ordered by the court, a copy of the order of forfeiture and notice that judgment will be entered upon the order after 60 days must be served on each obligor. Service is to be made by the clerk mailing by ~~certified mail, return receipt requested,~~ first-class mail a copy of the order of forfeiture and notice to each obligor at each obligor's address as noted on the bond and note on the original the date of mailing. Service is complete three days after the mailing."

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

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 16th day of July, 1998.

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 10:55 a.m. this 24th day of July, 1998