AN ACT TO LIMIT USE OF CONTINGENT-BASED CONTRACTS FOR AUDIT OR ASSESSMENT PURPOSES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Section 6 of S.L. 2012-152, as amended by Section 61.5(b) of S.L. 2012-194, reads as rewritten:

"SECTION 6. Sections 1, 3, and 3.1 of this act become effective October 1, 2012. The Treasurer shall not renew any contingency fee-based contracts for these services after October 1, 2012. The Treasurer shall not assign further audits on a contingency fee basis to an auditing firm under a contract that meets all the following conditions: (i) the contract would have been prohibited under this act had the contract been entered into after October 1, 2012, and (ii) the contract allows the assignment of audits on a discretionary basis by the Treasurer. Sections 2, 4, and 5 of this act become effective July 1, 2013, and expire July 1, 2015. From July 1, 2013, until July 1, 2015, cities and counties shall not renew any contingency fee-based contracts for these services. From July 1, 2013, until July 1, 2015, cities and counties shall not assign further audits on a contingency fee basis to an auditing firm under a contract that meets all the following conditions: (i) the contract would have been prohibited under this act had the contract been entered into after July 1, 2013, and (ii) the contract allows the assignment of audits on a discretionary basis. The remainder of the act is effective when the act becomes law."

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

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 17th day of June, 2015.

s/ Daniel J. Forest
President of the Senate

s/ Tim Moore
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ Pat McCrory
Governor

Approved 10:15 a.m. this 24th day of June, 2015