

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 962

Short Title: Must Pay Late Video Rental Fee.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Weatherly; Balmer, Brawley, Brubaker, Crawford, Culp, Daughtry, Gardner, C. Preston, Smith, and R. Thompson.

Referred to: Judiciary III.

April 15, 1993

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO MAKE IT AN INFRACTION TO FAIL TO PAY THE LATE
2 PAYMENT FEE ASSESSED FOR THE LATE RETURN OF A VIDEO
3 CASSETTE TAPE.
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 Section 1. Article 52 of Chapter 14 is amended by adding a new section to
7 read:

8 **"§ 14-401.15. Failure to pay penalty for late return of video.**

9 (a) For the purpose of this section, the term 'video rental store' means any entity
10 whose principal business is the rental of video cassette tapes for noncommercial use.

11 (b) Any person who (i) rents a video cassette tape from a video rental store, (ii)
12 fails to return it by the date it is due, and (iii) fails to pay the late payment fee assessed
13 for the late return of the video cassette tape within 10 days after receiving notice of the
14 late payment fee from the video rental store is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a
15 fine of fifty dollars (\$50.00).

16 (c) Any video rental store that charges a late payment fee for the late return of a
17 video cassette tape shall post at each counter the following warning in block letters not
18 less than one inch in height:

19 'IT IS UNLAWFUL TO FAIL TO PAY THE
20 PENALTY ASSESSED FOR THE LATE RETURN
21 OF ANY RENTED VIDEO CASSETTE TAPE.'"

22 Sec. 2. This act becomes effective December 1, 1993, and applies to offenses
23 committed on or after that date.