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SENATE BILL 23  
Commerce Committee Substitute Adopted 2/16/99

Short Title: Mass Gatherings Law/Clarification. (Public)

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## Sponsors:

Referred to:

February 3, 1999

3 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 130A-252 reads as rewritten:

**"§ 130A-252. Definition of mass gathering; applicability of Part.**

6       (a) For the purposes of this Part, "mass gathering"means a congregation or  
7 assembly of more than 5,000 people in an open space or open air for a period of more  
8 than 24 hours. A mass gathering shall include all congregations and assemblies organized  
9 or held for any purpose, but shall not include assemblies in permanent buildings or  
10 permanent structures designed or intended for use by a large number of people. To  
11 determine whether a congregation or assembly extends for more than 24 hours, the period  
12 shall begin when the people expected to attend are first permitted on the land where the  
13 congregation or assembly will be held and shall end when the people in attendance are  
14 expected to depart. To determine whether a congregation or assembly shall consist of  
15 more than 5,000 people, the number reasonably expected to attend, as determined from  
16 the promotion, advertisement and preparation for the congregation or assembly and from  
17 the attendance at prior congregations or assemblies of the same type, shall be considered.

18       (b) The provisions of this Part do not apply to permanent stadiums with adjacent  
19 campgrounds that host annual events attracting crowds in excess of 70,000 people."

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