

April 5, 2001

S 979. USE LITTER PENALTIES/CLEANUP & ENFORCEMENT. TO CREATE THE INFRACTION OF LITTERING AND TO PROVIDE FOR A REFERENDUM TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTION TO PROVIDE THAT PENALTIES COLLECTED FOR LITTER INFRACTIONS SHALL BE USED FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF LITTER LAWS AND TO CLEAN UP LITTER. As title indicates. Sets penalties for infractions as follows: for violations not exceeding 15 pounds, a fine of \$50, and the court may order 4 to 12 hours of community service; for violations of more than 15 pounds but less than 500 pounds, a fine of \$100, and the court may order 12 to 24 hours of community service. The community service shall be to pick up the litter, if feasible. Constitutional amendment would authorize counties to retain clear proceeds of fines collected and would require them to use half of the proceeds to enforce the litter laws and half to clean up litter. Provides for referendum on amendment to be held at the general election in November 2002. If approved, constitutional amendment would become effective July 1, 2003. Provision creating infraction and setting penalties effective Dec. 1, 2002, but only if constitutional amendment approved.

Intro. by Allran.

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