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S 981. N.C. RESIDENTS REPORT LITTER VIOLATIONS. TO PROVIDE THAT A CITATION MAY BE ISSUED FOR A LITTERING OFFENSE BASED ON THE AFFIDAVIT OF A WITNESS.

Adds new GS 14-399.3 providing that a North Carolina resident who witnesses a littering violation that involves the operation of a motor vehicle may file an affidavit reporting the incident to the magistrate, describing the vehicle and the time, date, and location of the violation. The magistrate may then issue a citation to the owner of the vehicle. The owner of the vehicle is responsible for the violation unless the owner can furnish evidence that the vehicle was, at the time of the violation, in the care, custody, or control of another person and the owner supplies the magistrate with the name and address of the person who had the control of the car at the time or an affidavit that the car was at the time stolen or in the care of someone without the permission of the owner. Directs the Administrative Office of the Courts to develop an affidavit form by Dec. 1, 2001.

Intro. by Allran.

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