

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**SESSION 2003**

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**HOUSE DRH80149-LB-6A (12/4)**

Short Title: Session Limits.

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Sponsors: Representatives McComas and Brubaker (Primary Sponsors).

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Referred to:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO LIMIT SESSION LENGTH BY LIMITING THE NUMBER OF DAYS  
OF PER DIEM PAID TO MEMBERS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 120-3.1 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

"(e) During an odd-numbered year, if the General Assembly has been in regular session for more than 135 calendar days during that year, the period after the 135<sup>th</sup> day but before the end of that calendar year, shall for the purposes of this section, be deemed to be a period when the General Assembly is not in session, and no member shall be entitled to subsistence and travel allowance during that period, except:

- (1) Under circumstances which would entitle that member to subsistence and travel allowance when the General Assembly is not in session; or
- (2) During one extra session held during that calendar year after the 135<sup>th</sup> day, but only for the first 20 calendar days of that extra session.

The 135-day period may be extended by joint resolution once per regular session for a period of not more than 10 days. If the General Assembly, upon convening of the regular session, meets for not more than five consecutive calendar days and then adjourns for more than three days, both the initial period of not more than five days and the period of adjournment shall be excluded from the 135 days.

(f) During an even-numbered year, if the General Assembly has been in regular session for more than 60 calendar days during that year, the period after the 60<sup>th</sup> day but before the end of that calendar year shall for the purposes of this section be deemed to be a period when the General Assembly is not in session, and no member shall be entitled to subsistence and travel allowance during that period, except:

- (1) Under circumstances which would entitle that member to subsistence and travel allowance when the General Assembly is not in session; or

1           (2) During one extra session held during that calendar year after the 60th  
2           day, but only for the first 20 calendar days of that extra session.

3           The 60-day period may be extended by joint resolution once per regular session for a  
4 period of not more than 10 days.

5           (g) Any reconvened session called under Section 5 of Article III of this  
6 Constitution shall be excluded from the operation of subsections (e) and (f) of this  
7 section."

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