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SENATE BILL 242*
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Short Title: Honor Retiring Firefighters. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Sloan; Ballantine, Blake, Brock, Carpenter, Dalton, Hargett,
Lucas, Metcalf, Moore, Shaw, Shubert, Smith, and Tillman.

Referred to: State Government, Local Government and Veterans' Affairs.

February 27, 2003

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE FIRE DEPARTMENTS TO HONOR RETIRING OR
3 DECEASED FIREFIGHTERS BY AWARDING THEIR FIRE HELMETS TO
4 THEM OR TO A SURVIVING RELATIVE.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** Chapter 153A of the General Statutes is amended by adding a
7 new section to read:

8 **"§ 153A-236. Honoring deceased or retiring firefighters.**

9 A fire department established by a county pursuant to this Article may, in the
10 discretion of the board of commissioners, award to a retiring firefighter or a surviving
11 relative of a deceased firefighter, upon request, the fire helmet of the deceased or
12 retiring firefighter, at a price determined in a manner authorized by the board. The price
13 may be less than the fair market value of the helmet."

14 **SECTION 2.** Chapter 160A of the General Statutes is amended by adding a
15 new section to read:

16 **"§ 160A-294.1. Honoring deceased or retiring firefighters.**

17 A fire department established by a municipality pursuant to this Article may, in the
18 discretion of the governing body of the municipality, award to a retiring firefighter or a
19 surviving relative of a deceased firefighter, upon request, the fire helmet of the deceased
20 or retiring firefighter at a price determined in a manner authorized by the governing
21 body. The price may be less than the fair market value of the helmet."

22 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.