

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2005**

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**HOUSE DRH60659-ROz-24 (05/04)**

Short Title: Fund Legal Services in Foreclosure Cases. (Public)

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Sponsors: Representatives Church, Carney, Grady, and Weiss (Primary Sponsors).

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Referred to:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR  
3 FOR THE PROVISION OF CIVIL LEGAL SERVICES FOR INDIGENTS TO BE  
4 USED FOR THE PROVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES TO HELP PREVENT  
5 FORECLOSURE AND HOME LOSS AND PRESERVE HOME EQUITY  
6 AMONG LOW-INCOME CONSUMERS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE  
7 HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON HOME FORECLOSURES.

8 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

9       **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the North  
10 Carolina State Bar the sum of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) for the 2006-2007 fiscal  
11 year to make grants to the North Carolina Legal Service Providers who provide legal  
12 services to help prevent foreclosure and home loss and preserve home equity among  
13 low-income consumers. The grants shall be made available to Legal Services of  
14 Southern Piedmont, Pisgah Legal Services, Legal Aid Society of Northwest North  
15 Carolina, the Land Loss Prevention Project, Legal Aid of North Carolina, and the  
16 Financial Protection Law Center for the provision of legal assistance to low-income  
17 consumers in cases involving predatory mortgage lending, mortgage broker and loan  
18 services abuses, foreclosure defense, and other legal issues that relate to helping  
19 low-income consumers avoid home loss, foreclosure, and preserve home equity.

20       **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2006.