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HOUSE BILL 1568

Short Title: State Health Inspectors.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Wright.

Referred to: Health, if favorable, Appropriations.

April 18, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT RELIEVING COUNTIES OF THE AUTHORITY TO EMPLOY LOCAL
HEALTH INSPECTORS AND PROVIDING FOR LOCAL HEALTH
INSPECTIONS UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 153A-149(c)(13) reads as rewritten:

"(13) Health. – To provide for the county's share of maintaining and administering services offered by or through the local health ~~department~~department, except that county funds may not be used for the salaries of local health inspection personnel."

SECTION 2. G.S. 153A-226(b) reads as rewritten:

"(b) The Commission for Health Services shall prepare a score sheet ~~to be used by local health departments in for~~ inspecting local confinement facilities. ~~The local health departments shall inspect local confinement facilities as often as may be required by the Commission for Health Services.~~ If an inspector of the Department finds conditions that reflect hazards or deficiencies in the sanitation or food service of a local confinement facility, he shall immediately notify the local health department. ~~The health department shall promptly inspect the facility. After making its inspection, the local health department shall forward a copy of its report to the Department of Health and Human Services and to the unit operating the facility, on forms prepared by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.~~ The State health inspector shall issue a report on the condition of each local confinement facility. The report shall indicate whether the facility and its kitchen or other place for preparing food is approved or disapproved for public health purposes. If the facility is disapproved, the situation shall be rectified according to the procedures of G.S. 153A-223."

SECTION 3. G.S. 130A-5(4) reads as rewritten:

1 "(4) To make sanitary and health investigations and
2 ~~inspections;~~inspections, including all health inspections at the local
3 level;"

4 **SECTION 4.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.