

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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**SENATE BILL 227
State and Local Government Committee Substitute Adopted 5/16/07
House Committee Substitute Favorable 6/25/07**

Short Title: Wilmington/New Hanover Violator Notice.

(Local)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

February 21, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER AND THE CITY
3 OF WILMINGTON TO GIVE ANNUAL NOTICE TO CHRONIC VIOLATORS
4 OF THE CITY'S PUBLIC NUISANCE ORDINANCE.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 1 of S.L. 2005-44 reads as rewritten:

7 "SECTION 1. A municipality may notify a chronic violator of the municipality's
8 public nuisance ordinance that, if the violator's property is found to be in violation of
9 the ordinance, the municipality shall, without further notice in the calendar year in
10 which notice is given, take action to remedy the violation, and the expense of the action
11 shall become a lien upon the property and shall be collected as unpaid taxes. The initial
12 annual notice shall be served by registered or certified mail. A chronic violator is a
13 person who owns property whereupon, in the previous calendar year, the municipality
14 gave notice of violation at least three times under any provision of the public nuisance
15 ordinance. The term "municipality" means a city or a county."

16 **SECTION 2.** Section 2 of S.L. 2005-44, as amended by Section 1 of S.L.
17 2007-3, reads as rewritten:

18 "SECTION 2. This act applies to the County of New Hanover, the City of
19 Wilmington, and the Towns of Cornelius, Davidson, and Matthews only."

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