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Short Title: Unclaimed Property Program Improvements. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Hurley.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO AMEND THE STATUTES GOVERNING THE ESCHEAT FUND TO  
3 PROTECT THE PRIVACY OF INFORMATION COLLECTED FOR THE PROCESS OF  
4 PAYING CLAIMS; TO ELIMINATE THE FEE PAID BY HOLDERS FOR FILING AN  
5 EXTENSION REQUEST; TO REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF PAPERWORK REQUIRED  
6 BY HOLDERS; AND TO IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF  
7 PROCESSING HOLDER REPORTS.

8 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

9 SECTION 1. G.S. 116B-6(i) reads as rewritten:

10 "§ 116B-6. Administration of Escheat Fund; Escheat Account.

11 ...

12 (i) Records. – Before making a deposit to the Escheat Fund, or retaining or destroying  
13 property, the Treasurer shall record the name and address of the holder, the ~~name and name~~, last  
14 known address and any other required owner information provided by the holder, which  
15 includes social security or tax identification number, date of birth, drivers license or state  
16 identification number, and e-mail address of each ~~person~~ person, annuitant, insured, or  
17 beneficiary appearing from the holder's reports to be entitled to the abandoned property, ~~the~~  
18 ~~name and last known address of each insured person or annuitant,~~ the amount or description of  
19 the property, and, with respect to each policy or contract listed in the report of an insurer, its  
20 number and the name of the corporation. The records shall be available for public inspection ~~at~~  
21 ~~and during~~ reasonable business hours ~~hours and by public request in a reasonable time period but~~  
22 may be limited to those records required to be disclosed in G.S. 116B-62."

23 SECTION 2. G.S. 116B-52(11) reads as rewritten:

24 "§ 116B-52. Definitions.

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26 (11) "Property" means (i) money or tangible personal property held by a holder  
27 that is physically located in a safe deposit box or other safekeeping  
28 depository held by a financial institution within this State or (ii) a fixed and  
29 certain interest in intangible property that is held, issued, or owed in the  
30 course of a holder's business, or by a government, governmental subdivision,  
31 agency, or instrumentality, and all income or increments therefrom. The  
32 term includes property that is referred to as or evidenced by:  
33 a. Money, a check, draft, deposit, interest, or dividend;  
34 b. Credit balance, customer's overpayment, gift certificate, security  
35 deposit, refund, credit memorandum, unpaid wage, unused ticket,  
36 mineral proceeds, or unidentified remittance;



- 1 c. Stock or other evidence of ownership of an interest in a business
- 2 association;
- 3 d. A bond, debenture, note, or other evidence of indebtedness;
- 4 e. Money deposited to redeem stocks, bonds, coupons, or other
- 5 securities, or to make distributions;
- 6 f. An amount due and payable under the terms of an annuity or
- 7 insurance policy, including policies providing life insurance,
- 8 property and casualty insurance, workers' compensation insurance, or
- 9 health and disability insurance; and
- 10 g. An amount distributable from a trust or custodial fund established
- 11 under a plan to provide health, welfare, pension, vacation, severance,
- 12 retirement, death, stock purchase, profit sharing, employee savings,
- 13 supplemental unemployment insurance, or similar benefits."

**SECTION 3.** G.S. 116B-60 reads as rewritten:

**"§ 116B-60. Report of abandoned property; certification by holders with tax return.**

16 (a) A holder of property presumed abandoned shall make a report to the Treasurer  
17 concerning the property. Holders reporting 50 or more property owner records shall file the  
18 report in an electronic format prescribed by the Treasurer. Holders reporting less than 50  
19 property owner records may file the report electronically. ~~Holders reporting electronically may~~  
20 ~~file an electronically signed affidavit in order to comply with subsection (f) of this~~  
21 ~~section.~~Holders reporting electronically may file an electronic certification and verification in  
22 order to comply with subsection (f) of this section.

23 ...

24 (e) Before the date for filing the report, the holder of property presumed abandoned  
25 may request the Treasurer to extend the time for filing the report. ~~A request for an extension for~~  
26 ~~filing a report shall be accompanied by an extension processing fee of ten dollars (\$10.00).~~ The  
27 Treasurer may grant the extension for good cause. The holder, upon receipt of the extension,  
28 may make an interim payment on the amount the holder estimates will ultimately be due, which  
29 terminates the accrual of additional interest on the amount paid.

30 (f) The holder of property presumed abandoned ~~shall file with the report an affidavit~~  
31 ~~stating that the holder has complied with G.S. 116B-59.~~ shall file with the report a certification  
32 and verification that the holder has complied with G.S. 116B-59.

33 ...."

34 **SECTION 4.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2013, and applies to reports filed  
35 or records created on or after that date.