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HOUSE BILL 662

Short Title: Change Unclaimed Garment Law.

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Sponsors: Representative Mavretic.

Referred to: Economic Expansion.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO CHANGE THE LAW PROVIDING FOR THE DISPOSITION BY
LAUNDRIES AND DRY CLEANERS OF UNCLAIMED GARMENTS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 66-67 reads as rewritten:

"§ 66-67. **Disposition by laundries and dry cleaning establishments of certain unclaimed clothing.**

(a) If any person ~~shall fail~~ fails to claim any garment, clothing, household article or other article delivered for laundering, cleaning or pressing to any laundry or dry cleaning establishment as defined in G.S. 105-85, or any dry cleaning establishment as defined in G.S. 105-74, for a period of ~~60-90~~ days after the surrender of such articles for processing, the laundry or dry cleaning establishment ~~shall have the right to~~ may dispose of such garments, clothing, household articles or other articles by whatever means it may choose, without liability or responsibility to the ~~owner~~ owner, 30 days after a notice has been sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the last known address of the owner of the garment, clothing, or other article, stating that the article will be disposed of unless it is redeemed within 30 days of the date of the letter. Provided, however, that before such laundry or dry cleaning establishment may claim the benefit of this section it shall at the time of receiving such garments, clothing, household articles or other articles, have a notice of dimensions of not less than eight and one-half by 11 inches, prominently displayed in a conspicuous place in the office, branch office or retail outlet where said clothes, garments or articles are received, if the same be received at an office, on which notice shall appear the words 'NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR GOODS LEFT ON HAND FOR MORE THAN ~~60-DAYS"~~ 90 DAYS'. ~~Provided~~

1 further, that any garment or clothing or other article of a value of more than five hundred
2 dollars (\$500.00) may not be disposed of for a period of one year after the surrender of such
3 articles for processing, in which case such garments, clothing or other articles may be disposed
4 of 30 days after a notice thereof has been sent by certified mail, with return receipt requested,
5 to the last known address of the owner of such garment, clothing or other article;

6 (b) If any person fails to claim any garment, clothing, household article or other
7 article delivered to any laundry or dry cleaning establishment described in subsection
8 (a) and displaying the notice described in subsection (a), for a period of 180 days, the
9 laundry or dry cleaning establishment may, without giving notice to the owner, dispose
10 of such garment, clothing, household article, or other article by whatever means it may
11 choose, without liability or responsibility to the owner.

12 ~~(c) provided further, that the~~ The provisions of this section shall also be applicable with
13 respect to the storage of garments, furs, rugs, clothing or other articles after the
14 completion of the period for which storage was agreed to be provided."

15 Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification, and applies to all articles
16 delivered to a laundry or dry cleaning establishment on or after that date.