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SENATE BILL 829

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Short Title:	Government Security Interests Clarified.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Senator Rand.	
Referred to:	Finance.	

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1		A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2	AN ACT TO	CLARIFY TREATMENT OF CERTAIN SECURITY INTERESTS
3	CREATED	BY THE STATE OR GOVERNMENTAL UNITS OF THE STATE
4	UNDER AR	TICLE 9 OF THE NORTH CAROLINA UNIFORM COMMERCIAL
5	CODE.	
6	The General As	sembly of North Carolina enacts:
7	SECT	FION 1. G.S. 25-9-102(45) reads as rewritten:
8	"(45)	"Governmental unit" means a subdivision, agency, department, county,
9		parish, municipality, or other unit of the government of the United
10		States, a state, or a foreign country. The term includes an organization
11		having a separate corporate existence if the organization (i) is eligible
12		to issue debt on which interest is exempt from income taxation under
13		the laws of the United States. States, or (ii) was created to facilitate the
14		issuance of notes, bonds, other evidences of indebtedness or payment
15		obligations for borrowed money by, or in conjunction with, installment
16		or lease purchase financings for, this State or any county, municipality,
17		or other agency or political subdivision thereof as evidenced by the
18		documents creating the organization."
19		FION 2. G.S. 25-9-109 reads as rewritten:
20	"§ 25-9-109. So	-
21		ral scope of Article. – Except as otherwise provided in subsections (c)
22		ection, this Article applies to:
23	(1)	A transaction, regardless of its form, that creates a security interest in
24		personal property or fixtures by contract;
25	(2)	An agricultural lien;
26	(3)	A sale of accounts, chattel paper, payment intangibles, or promissory
27		notes;
28	(4)	A consignment;

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1		(5)	A security interest arising under G.S. 25-2-401, 25	
2			or 25-2A-508(5), as provided in G.S. 25-9-110; an	
3		(6)	A security interest arising under G.S. 25-4-208 or	
4	(b)		ity interest in secured obligation. – The application	
5	-		in a secured obligation is not affected by the fact	-
6	itself sec	-	a transaction or interest to which this Article does i	
7	(c)	Exten	t to which Article does not apply This Article d	loes not apply to the
8	extent the	at:		
9 10		(1)	A statute, regulation, or treaty of the United S Article;	States preempts this
11		(2)	Another statute of this State expressly governs the	creation, perfection,
12			priority, or enforcement of a security interest crea	
13			governmental unit of this State;	•
14		(3) (2)	A statute of another state, a foreign country, or a	governmental unit of
15		() <u> </u>	another state or a foreign country, other than	-
16			applicable to security interests, expressly governs	
17			priority, or enforcement of a security interest c	
18			country, or governmental unit; or	3
19		(4) (3)	The rights of a transferee beneficiary or nomin	ated person under a
20		() <u> </u>	letter of credit are independent and superior under	-
21	(d)	Inapp	licability of Article. – This Article does not apply to	
22		(1)	A landlord's lien, other than an agricultural lien;	
23		(2)	A lien, other than an agricultural lien, given by st	atute or other rule of
24			law for services or materials, but G.S. 25-9-333 at	
25			priority of the lien;	
26		(3)	An assignment of a claim for wages, salary, or ot	ther compensation of
27		. ,	an employee;	L.
28		(4)	A sale of accounts, chattel paper, payment intang	gibles, or promissory
29			notes as part of a sale of the business out of which	
30		(5)	An assignment of accounts, chattel paper, pay	-
31		. ,	promissory notes which is for the purpose of colle	-
32		(6)	An assignment of a right to payment under a con	•
33			that is also obligated to perform under the contract	÷
34		(7)	An assignment of a single account, payment intar	
35			note to an assignee in full or partial satisfacti	
36			indebtedness;	
37		(8)	A transfer of an interest in or an assignment of a	claim under a policy
38		. ,	of insurance, other than an assignment by or to a	
39			of a health-care-insurance receivable and any su	-
40			of the right to payment, but G.S. 25-9-315 and	
41			with respect to proceeds and priorities in proceeds	
42		(9)	An assignment of a right represented by a jud	
43			judgment taken on a right to payment that was coll	-
44		(10)	A right of recoupment or setoff, but:	
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1		a. G.S. 25-9-340 applies with respect to the effectiveness of rights
2		of recoupment or setoff against deposit accounts; and
3		b. G.S. 25-9-404 applies with respect to defenses or claims of an
4		account debtor;
5	(11)	The creation or transfer of an interest in or lien on real property,
6		including a lease or rents thereunder, except to the extent that
7		provision is made for:
8		a. Liens on real property in G.S. 25-9-203 and G.S. 25-9-308;
9		b. Fixtures in G.S. 25-9-334;
10		c. Fixture filings in G.S. 25-9-501, 25-9-502, 25-9-512, 25-9-516,
11		and 25-9-519; and
12		d. Security agreements covering personal and real property in G.S.
13		25-9-604;
14	(12)	An assignment of a claim arising in tort, other than a commercial tort
15		claim, but G.S. 25-9-315 and G.S. 25-9-322 apply with respect to
16		proceeds and priorities in proceeds; or
17	(13)	An assignment of a deposit account in a consumer transaction, but
18		G.S. 25-9-315 and G.S. 25-9-322 apply with respect to proceeds and
19		priorities in proceeds.<u>proceeds;</u> or
20	<u>(14)</u>	The creation, perfection, priority, or enforcement of any lien on,
21		assignment of, pledge of, or security in, any revenues, rights, funds, or
22		other tangible or intangible assets created, made, or granted by this
23		State or a governmental unit in this State, including the assignment of
24		rights as secured party in security interests granted by any party
25		subject to the provisions of this Article to this State or a governmental
26		unit in this State, to secure, directly or indirectly, any bond, note, other
27		evidence of indebtedness, or other payment obligations for borrowed
28		money issued by, or in connection with, installment or lease purchase
29		financings by, this State or a governmental unit in this State. However,
30		notwithstanding this subdivision, this Article does apply to the
31		creation, perfection, priority, and enforcement of security interests
32		created by this State or a governmental unit in this State in equipment
33		or fixtures."
34	SECT	TON 3. G.S. 25-9-310(b)(11) is repealed.
35	SECT	TON 4. G.S. 25-9-702 reads as rewritten:
36	"§ 25-9-702. Sa	0
37		fective-date transactions or liens. – Except as otherwise provided in this
38	Part, this act app	plies to a transaction or lien within its scope, even if the transaction or
39		into or created before July 1, 2001.
40		nuing validity. – Except as otherwise provided in subsection (c) of this
41		25-9-703 through G.S. 25-9-709:
42	(1)	Transactions and liens that were not governed by former Article 9,
43		were validly entered into or created before July 1, 2001, and would be
44		subject to this act if they had been entered into or created after July 1,

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1 2 2	2001, and the rights, duties, and interests flowing from those transactions and liens remain valid after July 1, 2001; and
3 4	(2) The transactions and liens described in subdivision (1) of this subsection may be terminated, completed, consummated, and enforced
4 5	as required or permitted by this act or by the law that otherwise would
6	apply if this act had not taken effect.
7	(c) Pre-effective-date proceedings. – This act does not affect an action, case, or
8	proceeding commenced before July 1, 2001.
9	(d) Special rule for certain governmental transactions. – Notwithstanding any
10	other provision of this act, security interests that were excluded under former Article 9
11	pursuant to former G.S. 25-9-104(e) or as to which the filing requirements of former
12	Article 9 did not apply pursuant to former G.S. 25-9-302(6), and which are effective
13	prior to July 1, 2001, but for which the applicable requirements for creation, perfection,
14	or enforceability under this act are not satisfied on July 1, 2001, shall nonetheless be
15	treated as valid, enforceable, and perfected security interests under this act for the
16	duration of those security interests."
17	SECTION 5. G.S. 63A-11(e), 143B-456.1(f), 159C-28, and 159D-23, are
18 19	repealed. SECTION 6. The Revisor of Statutes shall cause to be printed along with
20	the portions of this act amending Article 9 of Chapter 25 of the General Statutes, the
20	following explanatory comments:
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23	To follow G.S. 25-9-109:
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25	NORTH CAROLINA OFFICIAL COMMENT
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27	The State, units of local government, and special authorities and agencies
28	thereof are authorized by applicable law to issue bonds and other obligations and
29	evidences of indebtedness secured by pledges of revenues and other identified sources
30	of funds available to the issuer to pay the obligations. The statutes authorizing the
31	issuance of these bonds and other obligations and evidences of indebtedness
32	customarily authorize the issuer to pledge these revenues and other sources of funds and
33 34	provide for the perfection, priority, and enforceability of the pledge (see, e.g. G.S. 159-91; G.S. 159B-17; G.S. 159I-30(b), G.S. 122A-10, G.S. 131A-13, G.S. 159C-12,
35	and G.S. 159-47). Generally, these statutory provisions provide that a first lien on the
36	pledged revenues or other resources (and the right to receive the same) is created at the
37	time the pledge is made, and that no other action is necessary to perfect the pledge.
38	Therefore, the creation, perfection, priority, and enforcement of a security interest
39	arising from the pledge of those revenues and other sources of funds are excepted from
40	Article 9 in its entirety.
41	In contrast, in certain transactions the State or unit of local government or
42	special authorities or agencies thereof may enter into transactions in which a security
43	interest in equipment or fixtures is given to secure bonds or other obligations or
44	evidences of indebtedness (see, e.g. G.S. 160A-20). In those instances, generally there

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are not specific statutory provisions addressing the procedures for the creation, perfection, priority, and enforcement of the security interest created. Article 9 applies to security interests created in equipment and fixtures in those transactions. The provisions of Article 9 shall not be construed to be an independent authorization for the creation of security interests by the State or any governmental unit. To the extent that the original security interest is not created in equipment and fixtures, the exception from application of Article 9 described in the first paragraph hereof would apply.

8 The exception from application of Article 9 applies only to security interests 9 granted by governmental units (as defined in G.S. 25-9-102(45)). In some "conduit" 10 financings (such as under Chapter 159C or Chapter 131A), a nongovernmental unit may 11 grant a security interest in various collateral to secure its obligations to the 12 governmental unit incurred in connection with the financing transaction. The security 13 interest may be assigned by the governmental unit to a corporate trustee or similar entity 14 to secure bonds or other obligations issued by the governmental unit. Under these 15 circumstances, the security interest created by a nongovernmental unit to secure 16 obligations to the governmental unit is subject to the provisions of Article 9, while the 17 assignment of rights by the governmental unit in that security interest to secure the bonds or other obligations of the governmental unit is not subject to the provisions of 18 19 Article 9 regardless of the type of collateral being assigned. In addition, if a 20 governmental unit grants a security interest in equipment or fixtures to another 21 governmental unit, the assignment of rights as secured party by the governmental unit is 22 not subject to the provisions of Article 9.

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To follow G.S. 25-9-702:

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28 The intent of the special public finance-related transition rule added by G.S. 29 25-9-702(d) is that security interests created prior to July 1, 2001, and not subject to 30 former Article 9 through the specified provisions thereof will remain exempt from the provisions of new Article 9 after that date. Security interests that are subject to former 31 32 Article 9 and created in connection with transactions involving governmental units prior 33 to July 1, 2001, will either be (a) of a type not subject to new Article 9, in which case no action need be taken, or (b) of a type that is subject to new Article 9, in which case the 34 35 provisions of G.S. 25-9-703 through G.S. 25-9-709 are applicable thereto. 36 **SECTION 7.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2001.