

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2003**

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**HOUSE BILL 402**

Short Title: DSS Worker/Right of Entry. (Public)

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Sponsors: Representatives Capps; Barnhart, Culp, Ellis, Frye, Gorman, Gulley, Hilton, Lewis, Rayfield, and Rhodes.

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Referred to: Ways and Means, if favorable, Judiciary II.

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March 11, 2003

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO RESTRICT THE AUTHORITY OF A SOCIAL WORKER TO ENTER  
A PRIVATE RESIDENCE FOR INVESTIGATION PURPOSES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 7B-302 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(h) A social services worker may not enter a private residence for investigation purposes without at least one of the following:

(1) The permission of the head of the household.

(2) The accompaniment of a law enforcement officer who has legal authority to enter the residence."

**SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2003.