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HOUSE BILL 1890

Short Title: Fees for Ferry Service.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Cole, Coates (Primary Sponsors); and Howard.

Referred to: Transportation, if favorable, Finance.

April 30, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FERRY
2 DIVISION, TO IMPLEMENT A UNIFORM FEE SCHEDULE FOR ALL FERRY
3 CROSSINGS.
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 136-82 reads as rewritten:

7 "**§ 136-82. Department of Transportation to establish and maintain ferries.**

8 The Department of Transportation is vested with authority to provide for the
9 establishment and maintenance of ferries connecting the parts of the State highway
10 system, whenever in its discretion the public good may so require, and to prescribe ~~and~~
11 ~~collect such tolls therefor as may, in the discretion of the Department of Transportation,~~
12 be expedient a uniform toll schedule applicable to all ferry operations. The tolls
13 prescribed by this section shall not apply to any resident of a water locked community
14 who must use the ferry system as a means of transportation to the mainland for goods
15 and services. This exemption shall only apply to the use of the ferry that serves the
16 water locked community the resident resides in and is not deemed to be a systemwide
17 toll exemption.

18 To accomplish the purpose of this section said Department of Transportation is
19 authorized to acquire, own, lease, charter or otherwise control all necessary vessels,
20 boats, terminals or other facilities required for the proper operation of such ferries or to
21 enter into contracts with persons, firms or corporations for the operation thereof and to
22 pay therefor such reasonable sums as may in the opinion of said Department of
23 Transportation represent the fair value of the public service rendered.

24 The Department of Transportation, notwithstanding any other provision of law, may
25 operate, or contract for the operation of, concessions on the ferries and at ferry facilities
26 to provide to passengers on the ferries food, drink, and other refreshments, personal
27 comfort items, and souvenirs publicizing the ferry system."

28 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective January 1, 2008.