

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 942
Commerce, Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee Substitute Adopted
5/17/07

Short Title: Prohibit Restricting Newspaper Distribution. (Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 20, 2007

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FROM ENACTING
3 ORDINANCES THAT WOULD RESTRICT DISTRIBUTION OF
4 NEWSPAPERS.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-175(d) reads as rewritten:

7 "(d) Local governments may enact ordinances restricting or prohibiting a person
8 from standing on any street, highway, or right-of-way excluding sidewalks while
9 soliciting, or attempting to solicit, any employment, business, or contributions from the
10 driver or occupants of any vehicle. This subsection does not permit additional
11 restrictions or prohibitions on the activities of licensees, employees, or contractors of
12 the Department of Transportation or of any municipality engaged in construction or
13 maintenance or in making traffic or engineering surveys ~~except as provided in~~
14 ~~subsection (e) of this section.~~ surveys, or of the news media engaged in distributing
15 newspapers."

16 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.