NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NUMBER: H.B. 797

SHORT TITLE: Union County Fires

SPONSOR(**S**): Rep. Melton

FISCAL IMPACT

Yes () No (X) No Estimate Available ()

FY 1999-00 FY 2000-01 FY 2001-02 FY 2002-03 FY 2003-04

REVENUES * See Assumptions and Methodology *

PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) &

PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED: Department of Transportation, Union County.

EFFECTIVE DATE: When it becomes law.

BILL SUMMARY: Union County levies a fire protection fee. This fee covers the cost of providing fire protection services in the county. The legislation exempts Department of Transportation property, used for highway purposes, from the fire protection fee.

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY: Department records indicate that the Department of Transportation has 22 buildings in Union county. The largest is a 4,100 square foot office building, and the smallest is an eight by ten-foot shed. Twenty of these buildings are used for highway work, while the Division of Motor Vehicles controls two. The Department believes this facility typical for a county transportation yard.

Under current law each of these buildings could be subject to a fire fee of up to \$50.00. However, Union County officials report that the Department of Transportation has not been paying the fee. The bill merely formalizes the existing situation. Because the Department was not paying the fee before, nor will they if the bill is passed, there is no fiscal impact to either the Department or Union County.

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