GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2005

H HOUSE DRH80556-LLxf-227B* (4/19)

Short Title: Security and Immigration Compliance. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Clary, McComas, Moore, and Holloway (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED 1 2 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NORTH CAROLINA SECURITY AND 3 **COMPLIANCE** TO **IMMIGRATION** ACT **PROVIDE** FOR THE 4 COMPREHENSIVE REGULATION OF PERSONS IN THIS STATE WHO ARE 5 NOT LAWFULLY PRESENT IN THE UNITED STATES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 7

PART I. SHORT TITLE

8 9 10

11

12

SECTION 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "North Carolina Security and Immigration Compliance Act." All requirements of this act concerning immigration or the classification of immigration status shall be construed in conformity with federal immigration law.

131415

16

PART II. REQUIRE PUBLIC EMPLOYERS TO REGISTER AND PARTICIPATE IN THE FEDERAL WORK AUTHORIZATION PROGRAM TO VERIFY INFORMATION ON ALL NEW EMPLOYEES

17 18 19

SECTION 2. Chapter 95 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new Article to read:

202122

24

25

26

"Article 24.

"Workplace Immigration Compliance.

23 "**§ 95-280. Definitions.**

The following definitions apply in this section:

(1) <u>Commissioner. – The Commissioner of the North Carolina Department</u> of Labor.

- Federal work authorization program. Any of the electronic verification of work authorization programs operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security or any equivalent federal work authorization program operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security to verify information of newly hired employees, pursuant to the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 (IRCA), D.L. 99-603.
 - (3) Public employer. Every State agency, department, or institution of the State or any local political subdivision of the State.
 - (4) Subcontractor. A subcontractor, contract employee, staffing agency, or any contractor.

"§ 95-281. Public employer verification of work authorization.

- (a) Every public employer shall register and participate in the federal work authorization program to verify information of all new employees.
- (b1) No public employer shall enter into a contract for the physical performance of services within this State unless the contractor registers and participates in the federal work authorization program to verify information of all new employees.
- (b2) No contractor or subcontractor who enters a contract with a public employer shall enter into such a contract or subcontract in connection with the physical performance of services within the State unless the contractor or subcontractor registers and participates in the federal work authorization program to verify information of all new employees.
 - (c) Subsections (b1) and (b2) of this section shall apply as follows:
 - (1) Beginning July 1, 2007, with respect to public employers, contractors, or subcontractors employing 500 or more employees.
 - (2) Beginning July 1, 2008, with respect to public employers, contractors, or subcontractors employing 100 or more employees.
 - (3) Beginning July 1, 2009, with respect to all public employers, contractors, or subcontractors.

"§ 95-282. Rulemaking authority of Departments of Labor and Transportation.

- (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, the Commissioner shall adopt all rules and prescribe all forms necessary to administer and to effectuate the provisions of this Article and shall post those forms and rules on the official Department of Labor Web site.
- (b) The Department of Transportation shall adopt rules and prescribe forms deemed necessary for the application of this Article to any contract or agreement relating to public transportation and shall publish the rules and regulations on the official Web site of the North Carolina Department of Transportation.

"§ 95-283. Nondiscrimination in enforcement.

This Article shall be enforced without regard to race, religion, gender, ethnicity, or national origin."

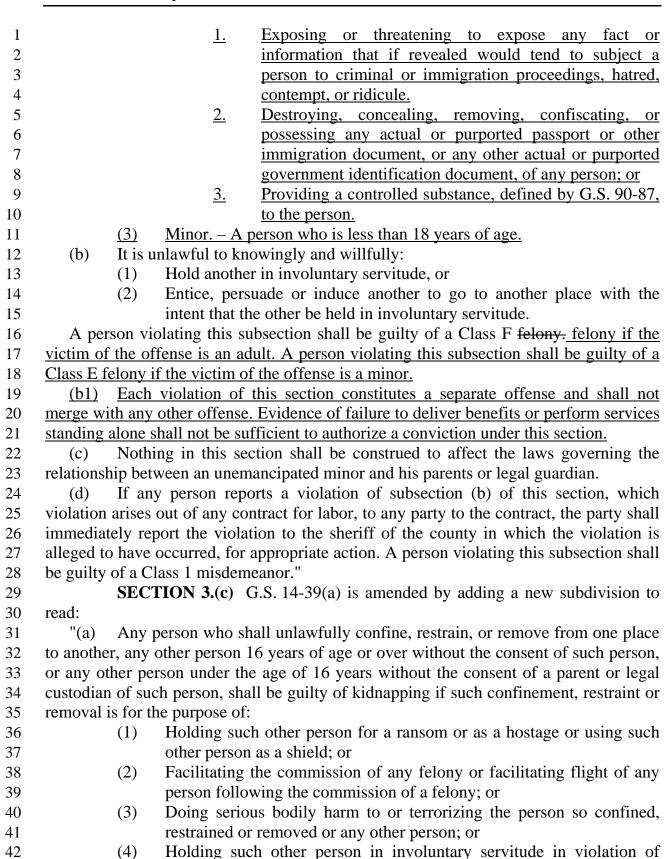
Page 2 H2809 [Filed]

1	PART II	II. CR	EATE	CRIMINAL OFFENSE OF TRAFFICKING A PERSON
2				SERVITUDE/AMEND OFFENSE OF INVOLUNTARY
3	SERV	ITUD	E	
4				
5				(a) Article 10 of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes is amended
6	by adding			
7	" <u>§ 14-43.</u>			g a person for sexual servitude.
8	<u>(a)</u>	The fo		g definitions apply in this section:
9		<u>(1)</u>	Coerc	ion. – The term includes all of the following:
10			<u>a.</u>	Causing or threatening to cause bodily harm to any person,
11				physically restraining or confining any person, or threatening to
12				physically restrain or confine any person.
13			<u>b.</u>	Exposing or threatening to expose any fact or information that
14				if revealed would tend to subject a person to criminal or
15				immigration proceedings, hatred, contempt, or ridicule.
16			<u>c.</u>	Destroying, concealing, removing, confiscating, or possessing
17				any actual or purported passport or other immigration
18				document, or any other actual or purported government
19				identification document, of any person.
20			<u>d.</u>	Providing a controlled substance, as defined by G.S. 90-87, to a
21				person.
22		<u>(2)</u>	Decep	tion. – The term includes all of the following:
23			<u>a.</u>	Creating or confirming another's impression of an existing fact
24				or past event which is false and which the accused knows or
25				believes to be false.
26			<u>b.</u>	Maintaining the status or condition of a person arising from a
27				pledge by that person of his or her personal services as security
28				for a debt, if the value of those services as reasonably assessed
29				is not applied toward the liquidation of the debt or the length
30				and nature of those services are not respectively limited and
31				defined, or preventing a person from acquiring information
32				pertinent to the disposition of the debt.
33			<u>c.</u>	Promising benefits or the performance of services that the
34				accused does not intend to deliver or perform or knows will not
35				be delivered or performed.
36		<u>(3)</u>	Minor	. – A person who is less than 18 years of age.
37		<u>(4)</u>	Sexua	l servitude. – The term includes the following:
38			<u>a.</u>	Any sexual activity as defined in G.S. 14-190.13 for which
39				anything of value is directly or indirectly given, promised to, or
40				received by any person, which conduct is induced or obtained
41				by coercion or deception or which conduct is induced or
42				obtained from a person under the age of 18 years; or
43			<u>b.</u>	Any sexual activity as defined in G.S. 14-190.13 which is
44				performed or provided by any person, which conduct is induced

Page 3 H2809 [Filed]

1				or obtained by coercion or deception or which conduct is			
2	induced or obtained from a person under the age of 18 years.						
3	<u>(b)</u>	A pe	rson co	ommits the offense of trafficking a person for sexual servitude			
4	when that person knowingly subjects or maintains another in sexual servitude or						
5	knowing	ly recr	uits, e	ntices, harbors, transports, provides, or obtains by any means			
6	another person for the purpose of sexual servitude.						
7	<u>(c)</u>	A per	son wh	no violates this section is guilty of a Class F felony if the victim of			
8	the offen	se is ar	<u>n adult.</u>	A person who violates this section is guilty of a Class E felony if			
9	the victing	n of the	e offen:	se is a minor.			
10	<u>(d)</u>	Each	violati	ion of this section constitutes a separate offense and shall not			
11	merge w	<u>ith any</u>	other o	offense. Evidence of failure to deliver benefits or perform services			
12	standing alone shall not be sufficient to authorize a conviction under this section."						
13		SEC	TION :	3.(b) G.S. 14-43.2 reads as rewritten:			
14	"§ 14-43	.2. Inv	olunta	ry servitude.			
15	(a)	As us	sed in	this section, "involuntary servitude" means the unlawful holding			
16	of a pers	on agai	nst his	will:			
17		(1)	For t	he performance of labor, whether or not for compensation, or			
18			whetl	ner or not for the satisfaction of a debt, and			
19		(2)	By co	percion or intimidation using violence or the threat of violence, or			
20			by an	y other means of coercion or intimidation			
21	<u>(a)</u>	The f	<u>ollowi</u>	ng definitions apply in this section:			
22		<u>(1)</u>	<u>Dece</u>	ption. – The term includes all of the following:			
23			<u>a.</u>	Creating or confirming another's impression of an existing fact			
24				or past event which is false and which the accused knows or			
25				believes to be false.			
26			<u>b.</u>	Maintaining the status or condition of a person arising from a			
27				pledge by that person of his or her personal services as security			
28				for a debt, if the value of those services as reasonably assessed			
29				is not applied toward the liquidation of the debt or the length			
30				and nature of those services are not respectively limited and			
31				defined, or preventing a person from acquiring information			
32				pertinent to the disposition of such debt.			
33			<u>c.</u>	Promising benefits or the performance of services which the			
34				accused does not intend to deliver or perform or knows will not			
35				be delivered or performed.			
36		<u>(2)</u>		untary servitude. – The unlawful holding of a person against the			
37			perso	<u>n's will:</u>			
38			<u>a.</u>	For the performance of labor, whether or not for compensation,			
39				or whether or not for the satisfaction of a debt; and			
40			<u>b.</u>	By deception, coercion, or intimidation using violence or the			
41				threat of violence or by any other means of coercion or			
42				intimidation. Other means of coercion or intimidation include			
43				all of the following:			

Page 4 H2809 [Filed]



H2809 [Filed] Page 5

G.S. 14-43.2.

agency.

Trafficking the person for sexual servitude in violation of 1 (5) 2 G.S. 14-43.4." 3 **SECTION 3.(d)** G.S. 15A-830(a)(7) reads as rewritten: "(a) The following definitions apply in this Article: 4 5 6 **(7)** Victim. – A person against whom there is probable cause to believe 7 one of the following crimes was committed: 8 A Class A, B1, B2, C, D, or E felony. 9 b. A Class F felony if it is a violation of one of the following: 10 G.S. 14-16.6(b); 14-16.6(c); 14-18; 14-32.1(e); 14-32.2(b)(3); 14-32.3(a); 14-32.4; 14-34.2; 14-34.6(c); 14-41; 14-43.2; 11 12 14-43.3; 14-43.4; 14-190.17; 14-190.19; 14-202.1; 14-277.3; 13 14-288.9; or 20-138.5. A Class G felony if it is a violation of one of the following: 14 c. 15 G.S. 14-32.3(b); 14-51; 14-58; 14-87.1; or 20-141.4. A Class H felony if it is a violation of one of the following: 16 d. 17 G.S. 14-32.3(a); 14-32.3(c); 14-33.2, or 14-277.3. 18 A Class I felony if it is a violation of one of the following: e. G.S. 14-32.3(b); 14-34.6(b); or 14-190.17A. 19 20 f. An attempt of any of the felonies listed in this subdivision if the 21 attempted felony is punishable as a felony. Any of the following misdemeanor offenses when the offense is 22 g. 23 committed between persons who have a personal relationship as 24 defined in G.S. 50B-1(b): G.S. 14-33(c)(1); 14-33(c)(2); 14-33(a); 14-34; 14-134.3; or 14-277.3." 25 **SECTION 3.(e)** This section becomes effective December 1, 2006, and 26 27 applies to offenses committed on or after that date. 28 PART IV. FACILITATE ENFORCEMENT OF FEDERAL IMMIGRATION 29 30 LAWS 31 32 **SECTION 4.** Article 20 of Chapter 15A of the General Statutes is amended 33 by adding a new section to read: 34 "§ 15A-407. Enforcement of federal immigrations laws. 35 The Secretary of Crime Control and Public Safety shall negotiate the terms of a memorandum of understanding between the State of North Carolina and the United 36 States Department of Justice or Department of Homeland Security concerning the 37 38 enforcement of federal immigration and customs laws, detention and removals, and 39 investigations in the State of North Carolina. The memorandum of understanding negotiated pursuant to subsection (a) of 40 this section shall be signed on behalf of the State by the Secretary of Crime Control and 41 42 Public Safety and the Governor or as otherwise required by the appropriate federal

Page 6 H2809 [Filed]

- (c) The Secretary of Crime Control and Public Safety shall designate appropriate law enforcement officers to be trained pursuant to the memorandum of understanding provided for in this section. The training shall be funded pursuant to the federal Homeland Security Appropriation Act of 2006, Public Law 109-90, or any subsequent source of federal funding.
- (d) A law enforcement officer certified as trained in accordance with the memorandum of understanding provided for in this section may enforce federal immigration and customs laws while performing duties within the scope of the officer's authorized duties."

1 2

PART V. DETERMINATION OF NATIONALITY AND IMMIGRATION STATUS OF PERSONS JAILED UPON FELONY OR IMPAIRED DRIVING CHARGES

SECTION 5. Chapter 162 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 162-62. Legal status of prisoners.

- (a) When any person charged with a felony or an impaired driving offense is confined for any period in a county jail, local confinement facility, district confinement facility, or satellite jail/work release unit, the administrator or other person in charge of the facility shall make a reasonable effort to determine the nationality of the person so confined.
- (b) If the prisoner is a foreign national, the administrator or other person in charge of the facility holding the prisoner shall make a reasonable effort to verify that the prisoner has been lawfully admitted to the United States and if lawfully admitted, that the prisoner's lawful status has not expired. If verification of lawful status cannot be made from documents in the possession of the prisoner, verification shall be made within 48 hours through a query to the Law Enforcement Support Center (LESC) of the United States Department of Homeland Security or other office or agency designated for that purpose by the United States Department of Homeland Security. If the LESC or other office or agency determines that the prisoner has not been lawfully admitted to the United States, the administrator or other person in charge of the facility holding the prisoner shall notify the United States Department of Homeland Security.
- (c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to deny bond to a person or to prevent a person from being released from confinement when that person is otherwise eligible for release.
- (d) The Department of Crime Control and Public Safety, after consultation with the North Carolina Sheriffs' Association, shall prepare and issue guidelines and procedures to be used to comply with the provisions of this section."

PART VI. ESTABLISH IMMIGRATION ASSISTANCE REGISTRATION ACT

SECTION 6. The General Statutes are amended by adding a new Chapter to read:

41 42

43 44

"Chapter 84B. 1 "Immigration Assistance Registration Act. 2 3 "§ 84B-1. Short title. 4 This Chapter shall be known as the 'Immigration Assistance Registration Act'. 5 "§ 84B-2. Purpose. 6 The purpose of this Chapter is to establish and enforce ethical standards for 7 immigration assistance services provided by individuals who are not licensed attorneys. 8 "§ 84B-3. Definitions. 9 The following definitions apply in this Chapter: 10 Compensation. – A fee, property, services, promise of payment, or (1) anything else of value. 11 12 <u>(2)</u> Employed by. – When a person is on the payroll of an employer and the employer deducts social security and withholding taxes from the 13 14 employee's paycheck or when a person receives compensation from 15 the employer on a commission basis or as an independent contractor. Immigration assistance services. – Any information or action provided 16 (3) 17 or offered to customers or prospective customers related to 18 immigration matters. Immigration assistance services shall not include legal advice recommending a specific course of legal action or 19 20 providing any other assistance that requires legal analysis, legal 21 judgment, or interpretation of the law. Immigration matter. – Any proceeding, filing, or action affecting the 22 <u>(4)</u> nonimmigrant, immigrant, or citizenship status of any person arising 23 24 under either of the following: Immigration and naturalization law, an executive order, or 25 a. presidential proclamation of the United States or any foreign 26 27 country. Action of the United States Department of Labor, the United 28 b. 29 States Department of State, the United States Department of 30 Homeland Security, or the United States Department of Justice. "§ 84B-4. Registration required. 31 32 Any person who provides or offers to provide immigration assistance services in this State shall register with the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State shall keep a 33 registry of all persons providing or offering to provide immigration assistance services. 34 35 showing for each the date of registration, the registrant's name, the address of the registrant's principal place of business, and the name of the registrant's business or 36 employer, if applicable. The Secretary of State shall maintain the registry, and the 37 38 registry shall be open to public inspection. 39 The Secretary of State may collect a fee from any person providing

- immigration assistance services not exempt under this Chapter in an amount not to exceed twenty dollars (\$20.00) to cover the administrative costs associated with establishing and maintaining the registry.
- (c) Nothing in this Chapter shall regulate any business to the extent that the regulation is prohibited or preempted by federal law.

Page 8 H2809 [Filed]

- (d) Nothing in this Chapter shall prohibit a local city or county from requiring that a person offering immigration assistance services obtain a business license pursuant to a local ordinance.
- (e) The Secretary of State may adopt rules to implement, administer, and enforce this Chapter.

"§ 84B-5. Exemptions.

The following persons are exempt from this Chapter:

- (1) An attorney licensed to practice law in this State or an attorney licensed to practice law in any other state or territory of the United States or in any foreign country when acting with the approval of a judge having lawful jurisdiction over an immigration matter.
- (2) A legal intern, clerk, paralegal, or person in a similar position employed by and under the direct supervision of a licensed attorney meeting the requirements in subdivision (1) of this section and providing immigration assistance services.
- A nonprofit organization recognized by the Board of Immigration Appeals under 8 C.F.R. § 292.2(a) and employees of those organizations accredited under 8 C.F.R. § 292.2(d).
- (4) Any organization employing or desiring to employ an alien or nonimmigrant alien, where the organization, its employees, or its agents provide advice or assistance in immigration matters to alien or nonimmigrant alien employees or potential employees without compensation from the individuals to whom the advice or assistance is provided.

"§ 84B-6. Immigration assistance services permitted.

A person providing or offering to provide immigration assistance services may perform the following services only:

- (1) Complete a government agency form requested by the customer if the completion of that form does not involve the use of legal judgment.
- (2) Transcribe responses on a government agency form related to an immigration matter without advising a customer as to his or her answers on the form.
- (3) Translate information on forms for a customer and translate the customer's answers to questions posed on the forms.
- (4) Secure for a customer supporting documents currently in existence, such as a birth certificate or marriage certificate, when needed to submit with government agency forms.
- (5) Translate documents from a foreign language into English.
- (6) Notarize signatures on government agency forms if the person performing the service is a notary public commissioned in this State and is lawfully present in the United States.
- (7) Make referrals, without a fee, to attorneys who represent clients in immigration matters.
- (8) Prepare or arrange for the preparation of photographs and fingerprints.

H2809 [Filed] Page 9

1 2

- (9) Arrange for the performance of medical testing, including X-rays and AIDS tests, and arrange for the test results to be obtained.
 - (10) Conduct English language and civics courses.
 - (11) Perform any other services the Secretary of State, by rule, deems appropriate pursuant to this Chapter.

"§ 84B-7. Posting signs; advertisements.

- (a) Any person providing or offering to provide immigration assistance services who is not exempt under this Chapter shall post signs prominently at his or her place of business which set forth information in English and in every other language in which the person provides or offers to provide immigration assistance services. The signs shall contain the following statement in boldface type and capital letters: 'I AM NOT AN ATTORNEY LICENSED TO PRACTICE LAW AND MAY NOT GIVE LEGAL ADVICE OR ACCEPT FEES FOR LEGAL ADVICE.' Each language in which the person provides or offers to provide immigration assistance services shall be on a separate sign, and each sign shall be at least 12 inches by 17 inches.
- (b) Every person providing immigration assistance service who is not an attorney and advertises immigration assistance services in a language other than English, whether by radio, television, signs, pamphlets, newspapers, or other written communication, with the exception of a single desk plaque, shall include in the document, advertisement, stationery, letterhead, business card, or other comparable written material the following notice in English and the language in which the written communication appears: 'I AM NOT AN ATTORNEY LICENSED TO PRACTICE LAW AND MAY NOT GIVE LEGAL ADVICE OR ACCEPT FEES FOR LEGAL ADVICE.' If the notice is in writing, the notice must appear in a conspicuous manner and if the advertisement is by radio or television, the statement may be modified but must include substantially the same message.

"§ 84B-8. Prohibited conduct.

A person providing immigration assistance services who is not exempt under this Chapter shall not:

- (1) Accept payment in exchange for providing legal advice or any other assistance that requires legal analysis, legal judgment, or interpretation of the law.
- (2) Refuse to return documents supplied by, prepared on behalf of, or paid for by the customer upon the request of the customer. These documents must be returned upon request even if there is a fee dispute between the immigration assistant and the customer.
- (3) Represent, advertise, or use any titles or credentials, including 'notary public' or 'immigration consultant', while providing assistance in immigration matters that creates the belief that the person possesses special professional skills or is authorized to provide advice on an immigration matter. However, a certified notary public may use the term 'notary public' if the use is accompanied by the statement that the person is not an attorney. The term 'notary public' shall not be translated to another language.

Page 10 H2809 [Filed]

1	<u>(4)</u>	In any document, advertisement, stationery, letterhead, business card,
2		or other comparable written material, literally translate from English
3		into another language terms or titles, including 'notary public', 'notary',
4		'licensed', 'attorney', 'lawyer', or any other term that implies the person
5		is an attorney.
6	<u>(5)</u>	Provide legal advice, recommend a specific course of legal action, or
7		provide any other assistance that requires legal analysis, legal
8		judgment, or interpretation of the law.
9	<u>(6)</u>	Make any misrepresentation or false statement, directly or indirectly,
10		to influence, persuade, or induce patronage.
11	<u>(7)</u>	Violate any provision of this Chapter.
12	" <u>§ 84B-9. Vio</u>	lations; penalties.
13	<u> </u>	person who violates any provision of this Chapter shall be guilty of a
14		neanor for a first offense and a Class 1 misdemeanor for any subsequent
15		itted within five years of a previous conviction for the same offense.
16		ations of this Chapter may result in a fine of up to one thousand dollars
17		ch violation. A fine charged pursuant to this Chapter shall not preempt or
18	preclude additi	onal appropriate civil or criminal penalties."
19		
20		O INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR COMPENSATION PAID TO
21	ILLEGAL	IMMIGRANTS
22		
23	SEC	TION 7.(a) G.S. 105-130.2 is amended by adding a new subdivision to
24	read:	
25	"§ 105-130.2.	
26	The following	ng definitions apply in this Part:
27	•••	
28	<u>(7)</u>	<u>Unauthorized alien. – Defined in 8 U.S.C. § 1324a(h)(3).</u> "
29		TION 7.(b) G.S. 105-130.5(a) is amended by adding a new subdivision
30	to read:	
31		following additions to federal taxable income shall be made in
32	determining St	ate net income:
33		
34	<u>(19)</u>	
35		excess of six hundred dollars (\$600.00) that is paid to an unauthorized
36		alien as wages or compensation unless the unauthorized alien is not
37		directly compensated or employed by the taxpayer."
38	SEC	TION 7.(c) G.S. 105-134.1 is amended by adding a new subdivision to
39	read:	
40	"§ 105-134.1.	
41	The following	ng definitions apply in this Part:
42	•••	
43	(20)	Unauthorized alien. – Defined in G.S. 105-130.2."

BENEFITS

42 43

1	SECTION 7.(d) G.S. 105-134.6(c) is amended by adding a new subdivision				
2	to read:				
3	"(c) Additions The following additions to taxable income shall be made in				
4	calculating North Carolina taxable income, to the extent each item is not included in				
5	taxable income:				
6					
7	(11) Any amount in excess of six hundred dollars (\$600.00) that is paid to				
8	an unauthorized alien as wages or compensation unless the				
9	unauthorized alien is not directly compensated or employed by the				
10	taxpayer."				
11	SECTION 7.(e) This section is effective for taxable years beginning on or				
12	after January 1, 2007.				
13					
14	PART VIII. WITHHOLDING ON COMPENSATION PAID TO ILLEGAL				
15	IMMIGRANTS				
16					
17	SECTION 8.(a) G.S. 105-163.1 reads as rewritten:				
18	"§ 105-163.1. Definitions.				
19	The following definitions apply in this Article:				
20	(1) Compensation. – Consideration a payer pays a nonresident individual				
21	or individual, a nonresident entity entity, or an unauthorized alien for				
22	personal services performed in this State.				
23	(2) Contractor. – Either Any of the following:				
24	a. A nonresident individual who performs in this State for				
25	compensation other than wages any personal services in				
26	connection with a performance, an entertainment, an athletic				
27	event, a speech, or the creation of a film, radio, or television				
28	program.				
29	b. A nonresident entity that provides for the performance in this				
30	State for compensation of any personal services in connection				
31	with a performance, an entertainment, an athletic event, a				
32	speech, or the creation of a film, radio, or television program.				
33	c. An unauthorized alien who performs in this State for				
34	compensation other than wages any personal services.				
35	•••				
36	(12a) Unauthorized alien. – Defined in G.S. 105-130.2.				
37	···"				
38	SECTION 8.(b) This section becomes effective January 1, 2007, and applies				
39	to payment made on or after that date.				
40					
41	PART IX. VERIFICATION OF LAWFUL PRESENCE TO RECEIVE PUBLIC				

Page 12 H2809 [Filed]

1		SEC	FION 9.(a) The General Statutes are amended to add a new Chapter to
2	read:		
3			" <u>Chapter 135A.</u>
4			" <u>Public Benefits.</u>
5	" <u>§ 135A</u>	-1. V	erification of lawful presence required to receive public benefits;
6		<u>defin</u>	<u>itions; exceptions.</u>
7	<u>(a)</u>	As us	ed in this section,
8		<u>(1)</u>	<u>'Emergency medical condition.' – As defined in 42 U.S.C.A. §</u>
9			<u>1396b(v)(3).</u>
10		<u>(2)</u>	<u>'Federal public benefit'. – As defined in 8 U.S.C.A. § 1611.</u>
11		<u>(3)</u>	'SAVE'. – Systematic Alien Verification of Entitlement program of the
12			<u>United States Department of Homeland Security.</u>
13		<u>(4)</u>	'State or local public benefit.' – As defined in 8 U.S.C.A. § 1621.
14	<u>(b)</u>	Excep	ot as otherwise provided in subsection (d) of this section or where
15	exempte	d by fe	deral law, every agency or political subdivision of this State shall verify
16	the lawfu	ul prese	ence in the United States of any natural person 18 years of age or older
17	who has	applied	d for State or local public benefits or for federal public benefits that are
18	<u>administ</u>	ered by	an agency or a political subdivision of this State.
19	<u>(c)</u>	<u>This</u>	section shall be enforced without regard to race, religion, gender,
20	ethnicity	, or nat	ional origin.
21	<u>(d)</u>	<u>Verif</u>	ication of lawful presence under this section shall not be required for:
22		<u>(1)</u>	Any purposes for which lawful presence in the United States is not
23			required by law, ordinance, or regulation;
24		<u>(2)</u>	Assistance for health care items and services that are necessary for the
25			treatment of an emergency medical condition of the alien involved and
26			are not related to an organ transplant procedure;
27		<u>(3)</u>	Short-term, noncash, in-kind emergency disaster relief;
28		<u>(4)</u>	Public health assistance for immunizations with respect to
29			immunizable diseases and for testing and treatment of symptoms of
30			communicable diseases whether or not the symptoms are caused by a
31			communicable disease; or
32		<u>(5)</u>	Programs, services, or assistance such as soup kitchens, crisis
33			counseling and intervention, and short-term shelter specified by the
34			United States Attorney General, in the United States Attorney
35			General's sole and unreviewable discretion after consultation with
36			appropriate federal agencies and departments, which:
37			a. Deliver in-kind services at the community level, including
38			through public or private nonprofit agencies;
39			b. Do not condition the provision of assistance, the amount of
40			assistance provided, or the cost of assistance provided on the
41			individual recipient's income or resources; and
42			<u>c.</u> Are necessary for the protection of life or safety.
43		<u>(6)</u>	Prenatal care; or

- Postsecondary education, whereby the Board of Governors of The
 University of North Carolina, or the State Board of Community
 Colleges shall set forth, or cause to be set forth, policies regarding
 postsecondary benefits that comply with all federal law including
 federal public benefits and State and local public benefits.
 - (e) <u>Verification of lawful presence in the United States by a State agency or</u> political subdivision required to make verification shall be as follows:
 - (1) The applicant for public benefit must execute an affidavit that the applicant is a United States citizen or legal permanent resident of the United States and is 18 years of age or older; or
 - (2) The applicant must execute an affidavit that the applicant is a qualified alien or nonimmigrant under the federal Immigration and Nationality Act and is 18 years of age or older and lawfully present in the United States.
 - (f) For any applicant who has executed an affidavit that the applicant is an alien lawfully present in the United States, the state agency or political subdivision shall verify eligibility for benefits through the SAVE program operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security or a successor program designated by the United States Department of Homeland Security. Until eligibility verification is made, the affidavit may be presumed to be proof of lawful presence for the purposes of this section.
 - (g) Any person who knowingly and willfully makes a false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement of representation in an affidavit executed under subsection (e) of this section shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or by imprisonment for one to five years, or both.
 - (h) Agencies or political subdivisions of this State may adopt rules providing for waiver from this section to improve efficiency or reduce delay in the verification process or to provide for adjudication of unique individual circumstances where the verification procedures under this section would impose unusual hardship on a legal resident of this State.
 - (i) It shall be unlawful for any agency or political subdivision of this State to provide any state, local or federal benefit in violation of this section. Each state or local agency or political subdivision that administers any program of state or local public benefits shall provide an annual report to the General Assembly and the Governor with respect to the agency's or political subdivision's compliance with this section. The report shall be submitted not later than March 1 of each year.
 - (j) All errors and significant delays by SAVE shall be reported by the affected State agency or political subdivision to the United States Department of Homeland Security and to the Secretary of State to ensure that the application of SAVE is not wrongfully denying benefits to legal residents of this State.
 - (k) Notwithstanding subsection (g) of this section, an applicant for federal benefits or for state or local benefits shall not be guilty of any crime for executing an affidavit attesting to lawful presence in the United States that contains a false statement if the affidavit is not required by this section."

Page 14 H2809 [Filed]

SECTION 9.(b) This section becomes effective January 1, 2007, and applies 1 2 to applications made and acts committed on and after that date. 3 4 PART X. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE 5 6 **SECTION 10.** If any provision of this act or its application is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of this act that can be 7 given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the provisions 8 of this act are severable. 9 10

11 PART XI. EFFECTIVE DATE

12 13

SECTION 11. Except as otherwise provided in this section, this act becomes effective January 1, 2007.