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HOUSE BILL 1673

Short Title: Litter Prevention and Control LRC Study. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Allen, Carney, Underhill (Primary Sponsors); Dickson, Harrison, Hurley, Moore, Saunders, and Wainwright.

Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

April 19, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO
STUDY THE PREVENTION, CONTROL, AND REDUCTION OF LITTER.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. The Legislative Research Commission may study the prevention, control, and reduction of litter in North Carolina. In its study, the Commission may consider all of the following:

- (1) The effectiveness and cost of current laws aimed at preventing, controlling, or reducing litter.
- (2) The effectiveness and cost of current nonprofit programs aimed at preventing, controlling, or reducing litter.
- (3) What types of waste constitute roadside litter, whether any type has the potential of being recycled, and whether any type has value as a recyclable material.
- (4) What incentives could be created to prevent, control, or reduce litter.
- (5) What measures, programs, or laws in other states have been successful in preventing, controlling, or reducing litter.
- (6) Whether states with bottle bills, legislation that requires consumers to pay a redeemable deposit on certain beverage containers, have greater success in preventing, controlling, or reducing litter than those states that do not have bottle bills, and, if so, whether the success is attributable to the legislation.
- (7) The cost of roadside litter cleanup to North Carolina citizens each year and whether this cost has risen within the last 10 years.
- (8) Any other issues the Commission considers relevant to this topic.

SECTION 2. The Legislative Research Commission may make an interim report to the 2007 General Assembly, Regular Session 2008, and shall make its final report to the 2009 General Assembly.

1 **SECTION 3.** The Legislative Services Officer shall allocate funds
2 appropriated to the General Assembly for the expenditures of the Legislative Services
3 Commission in conducting this study.

4 **SECTION 4.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.