

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2017**

**SESSION LAW 2018-50  
SENATE BILL 224**

AN ACT TO ALLOW LANDLORDS TO RECOVER OUT-OF-POCKET EXPENSES IN  
SUMMARY EJECTMENT CASES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.1.(a)** G.S. 42-46(h)(3) reads as rewritten:

"(3) It is contrary to public policy for a landlord to put in a lease or claim any fee for filing a complaint for summary ejectment and/or money owed other than the ones expressly authorized by subsections (e) through (g) and (i) of this section, and a reasonable attorney's fee as allowed by law."

**SECTION 1.1.(b)** G.S. 42-46 is amended by adding two new subsections to read:

"(i) Out-of-Pocket Expenses. – In addition to the late fees referenced in subsections (a) and (b) of this section and the administrative fees of a landlord referenced in subsections (e) through (g) of this section, a landlord is also permitted to charge and recover from a tenant the following actual out-of-pocket expenses:

- (1) Filing fees charged by the court.
- (2) Costs for service of process pursuant to G.S. 1A-1, Rule 4 of the North Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure and G.S. 42-29.
- (3) Reasonable attorneys' fees actually incurred, pursuant to a written lease, not to exceed fifteen percent (15%) of the amount owed by the tenant, or fifteen percent (15%) of the monthly rent stated in the lease if the eviction is based on a default other than the nonpayment of rent.

(j) The out-of-pocket expenses listed in subsection (i) of this section are allowed to be included by the landlord in the amount required to cure a default."



**SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.  
In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2018.

s/ Philip E. Berger  
President Pro Tempore of the Senate

s/ Tim Moore  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

This bill having been presented to the Governor for signature on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2018 and the Governor having failed to approve it within the time prescribed by law, the same is hereby declared to have become a law. This 25<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2018.

s/ Karen Jenkins  
Enrolling Clerk