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Short Title: Fees for Ferry Service.

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Sponsors: Representatives Cole and Coates (Primary Sponsors).

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Referred to:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FERRY DIVISION, TO IMPLEMENT A UNIFORM FEE SCHEDULE FOR ALL FERRY CROSSINGS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 136-82 reads as rewritten:

**"§ 136-82. Department of Transportation to establish and maintain ferries.**

The Department of Transportation is vested with authority to provide for the establishment and maintenance of ferries connecting the parts of the State highway system, whenever in its discretion the public good may so require, and to prescribe and collect such tolls therefor as may, in the discretion of the Department of Transportation, be expedient. a uniform toll schedule applicable to all ferry operations. The tolls prescribed by this section shall not apply to any resident of a water locked community who must use the ferry system as a means of transportation to the mainland for goods and services. This exemption shall only apply to the use of the ferry that serves the water locked community the resident resides in and is not deemed to be a systemwide toll exemption.

To accomplish the purpose of this section said Department of Transportation is authorized to acquire, own, lease, charter or otherwise control all necessary vessels, boats, terminals or other facilities required for the proper operation of such ferries or to enter into contracts with persons, firms or corporations for the operation thereof and to pay therefor such reasonable sums as may in the opinion of said Department of Transportation represent the fair value of the public service rendered.

The Department of Transportation, notwithstanding any other provision of law, may operate, or contract for the operation of, concessions on the ferries and at ferry facilities to provide to passengers on the ferries food, drink, and other refreshments, personal comfort items, and souvenirs publicizing the ferry system."

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**SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective January 1, 2008.