

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 1114

Short Title: Bad Check Collections Pilot.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Eddins, Sexton (Cosponsors); Hill and Starnes.

Referred to: Judiciary I, if favorable, Finance.

April 21, 1997

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH PILOT PROGRAMS IN WAKE AND ROCKINGHAM
2 COUNTIES IN THE OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR THE
3 COLLECTION OF WORTHLESS CHECKS.
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 Section 1. The district attorneys' offices in both Wake County and
7 Rockingham County may each develop and implement a pilot program within the district
8 attorney's office for the collection of worthless checks. The program may be part of the
9 deferred prosecution program.

10 The purposes of the program are to assist worthless check victims in
11 recovering restitution, to decrease the amount of time spent in prosecuting worthless
12 check cases and so better use criminal justice resources, and to require the offender to
13 assist in covering the cost of collecting the worthless check.

14 Section 2. A fee of up to sixty-five dollars (\$65.00) to cover the investigative
15 and administrative costs of the collecting on the worthless check may be assessed by the
16 district attorney's office against any check passer of a worthless check if the acceptor
17 agrees to allow the check to be collected pursuant to the pilot program. The fee shall be
18 paid to the clerk of court. The fees collected under the pilot program shall be remitted to
19 the district attorney's office to be used for the pilot program.

20 Section 3. This act becomes effective December 1, 1997.