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SENATE BILL 656\*

Short Title: Hillsborough Inspection Contracts.

(Local)

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Sponsors: Senators Kinnaird and Lee.

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Referred to: State Government, Local Government, and Personnel.

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April 2, 1997

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ALLOW HILLSBOROUGH TO CONTRACT FOR INSPECTION SERVICES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 160A-413 reads as rewritten:

**"§ 160A-413. Joint inspection department; other arrangements.**

A city council may enter into and carry out contracts with another city, county, or combination thereof under which the parties agree to create and support a joint inspection department for the enforcement of State and local laws specified in the agreement. The governing boards of the contracting parties are authorized to make any necessary appropriations for this purpose.

In lieu of a joint inspection department, a city council may designate an inspector from any other city or county to serve as a member of its inspection department with the approval of the governing body of the other city or county, or may contract with an individual who is not a city or county employee but who holds one of the applicable certificates as provided in G.S. 160A-411.1 or ~~G.S. 153A-351.1~~ G.S. 153A-351.1, or may contract with the employer of an individual who holds one of the applicable certificates for the services of that individual. The inspector, if designated from another city or county under this section, shall, while exercising the duties of the position, be considered a municipal employee. The city shall have the same potential liability, if any, for

1 inspections conducted by an individual who is not an employee of the city as it does for  
2 an individual who is an employee of the city. The individual with whom the city  
3 contracts shall have errors and omissions and other insurance coverage acceptable to the  
4 city.

5 The city council of any city may request the board of county commissioners of the  
6 county in which the city is located to direct one or more county building inspectors to  
7 exercise their powers within part or all of the city's jurisdiction, and they shall thereupon  
8 be empowered to do so until the city council officially withdraws its request in the  
9 manner provided in G.S. 160A-360(g)."

10 Section 2. This act applies to the Town of Hillsborough only.

11 Section 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.