

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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HOUSE BILL 452

Short Title: Create Debtor Exemption for Firearms. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives B. Turner, Hardister, and Dobson (Primary Sponsors).  
*For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site.*

Referred to: Judiciary I

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE A DEBTOR TO RETAIN FIREARMS VALUED AT UP TO  
3 FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS FREE FROM THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE CLAIMS  
4 OF CREDITORS.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 1C-1601(a) reads as rewritten:

7 "**§ 1C-1601. What property exempt; waiver; exceptions.**

8 (a) Exempt property. – Each individual, resident of this State, who is a debtor is entitled  
9 to retain free of the enforcement of the claims of creditors:

10 ...

11 (13) The debtor's aggregate interest in any lawfully possessed firearms, not to  
12 exceed a total of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) in value. This exemption  
13 shall apply to a total of no more than two handguns and four rifles or  
14 shotguns."

15 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2017.

