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Affecting North Carolina Lawyers

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The Legislative Bulletin is provided as a service of the NCBA Government Affairs Team. Included is a summary of bills as of September 17, 2019, that were tracked by a section or committee of the NCBA or that was independently tracked by the Government Affairs Team during the 2019 session of the General Assembly. These summaries are designed to put you on notice of changes made in the statutes this session which may affect your practice. They are not intended to instruct you fully as to those changes; there is no substitute for reading the Session Laws themselves. Our purpose is to offer a tool to assist in your practice and we hope you will find that this publication serves your purpose. We will publish a supplement to this Bulletin at the conclusion of the 2019 legislative session.

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North Carolina General Assembly

Short Session Demographics & Statistics

House of Representatives

120 Members (75 Republicans, 45 Democrats)

Leadership:

- Speaker:
Tim Moore (R)*
- Speaker Pro Tempore:
Rep. Sarah Stevens (R)*
- Majority Leader:
Rep. John Bell (R)
- Democratic Leader:
Rep. Darren G. Jackson (D)*

Senate

50 Members (35 Republicans, 15 Democrats)

Leadership:

- President:
Lt. Governor Dan Forest (R)
- President Pro Tempore:
Sen. Phil Berger (R)*
- Majority Leader:
Sen. Harry Brown (R)
- Democratic Leader:
Sen Dan Blue (D)*

* = Lawyer Legislator

- 2019 Long Session convened January 9, 2019 and has not adjourned.
- 1,713 bills and resolutions filed in the long session to date.
 - House of Representatives: 1,021 bills
 - Senate: 692 bills
- 232 laws enacted as of September 17, 2019.
- 8 vetoes

LAWYER LEGISLATORS OF THE 2019 REGULAR SESSION*

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North Carolina Bar Association members are underlined.



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AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT



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JUDICIARY; RULES



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HEALTH; JUDICIARY;
REGULATORY REFORM;
TRANSPORTATION



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Montgomery, Richmond,
Stanly
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APPROPRIATIONS – JPS;
EDUCATION K-12; JUDICIARY;
REGULATORY REFORM



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Hanover

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FINANCE; REDISTRICTING;
TRANSPORTATION



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New Hanover

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EDUCATION – UNIVERSITIES,
CHAIR
APPROPRIATIONS, VICE CHAIR

ELECTIONS AND ETHICS;
ENVIRONMENT; SELECT
COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL SAFETY;
RULES



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Wake

BANKING; COMMERCE;
FINANCE; JUDICIARY



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District 20
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BANKING, CHAIR
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APPROPRIATIONS – EDUCATION;
SELECT COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL
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PUBLIC UTILITIES; FINANCE



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Mecklenburg

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APPROPRIATIONS;
APPROPRIATIONS – CAPITAL;
EDUCATION – COMMUNITY
COLLEGES; JUDICIARY



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EDUCATION – UNIVERSITIES;
ELECTIONS AND ETHICS;
FINANCE; RULES



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APPROPRIATIONS - JPS;
JUDICIARY; TRANSPORTATION



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FINANCE; JUDICIARY; STATE
AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT



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APPROPRIATIONS –
TRANSPORTATION; EDUCATION –
UNIVERSITIES;
HOMELAND SECURITY, MILITARY,
AND VETERANS AFFAIRS;
PENSIONS AND RETIREMENT;
TRANSPORTATION



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CONTROL, CHAIR
APPROPRIATIONS, CHAIR
APPROPRIATIONS –
AGRICULTURE, VICE CHAIR
APPROPRIATIONS –
TRANSPORTATION, VICE
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– UNIVERSITIES; SELECT
COMMITTEE ON DISASTER
RELIEF; JUDICIARY



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APPROPRIATIONS – CAPITAL;
EDUCATION – UNIVERSITIES;
JUDICIARY;
TRANSPORTATION



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APPROPRIATIONS – JPS;
EDUCATION – COMMUNITY
COLLEGES; SELECT COMMITTEE ON
SCHOOL SAFETY; JUDICIARY;
REDISTRICTING; RULES



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 SELECT COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL SAFETY;
 REGULATORY REFORM



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 EDUCATION – COMMUNITY COLLEGES;
 EDUCATION – UNIVERSITIES;
 ETHICS; FINANCE

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APPROPRIATIONS – JPS;
 APPROPRIATIONS/BASE
 BUDGET; FINANCE; JUDICIARY;
 REDISTRICTING AND
 ELECTIONS; RULES AND
 OPERATIONS; SELECT
 COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS



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APPROPRIATIONS/BASE
 BUDGET; PENSIONS AND
 RETIREMENT AND AGING;
 REDISTRICTING AND
 ELECTIONS; SELECT
 COMMITTEE ON PRISON
 SAFETY; TRANSPORTATION



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 AGRICULTURE;
 APPROPRIATIONS/BASE
 BUDGET; EDUCATION/HIGHER
 EDUCATION; PENSIONS AND
 RETIREMENT AND AGING;
 RULES AND OPERATIONS



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 REDISTRICTING AND
 ELECTIONS, CHAIR

APPROPRIATIONS/BASE
 BUDGET; FINANCE; SELECT
 COMMITTEE ON PRISON
 SAFETY; TRANSPORTATION



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 Wilson

AGRICULTURE/ENVIRONMENT/
 NATURAL RESOURCES;
 APPROPRIATIONS – JPS;
 FINANCE; JUDICIARY; SELECT
 COMMITTEE ON PRISON
 SAFETY; TRANSPORTATION



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AGRICULTURE/
 ENVIRONMENT/ NATURAL
 RESOURCES;
 APPROPRIATIONS – JPS;
 JUDICIARY; STATE AND
 LOCAL GOVERNMENT;
 TRANSPORTATION



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APPROPRIATIONS –
AGRICULTURE; JUDICIARY;
REDISTRICTING AND ELECTIONS



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APPROPRIATIONS – HEALTH
AND HUMAN SERVICES;
COMMERCE AND
INSURANCE;
FINANCE; JUDICIARY
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PENSIONS AND RETIREMENT
AND AGING; REDISTRICTING
AND ELECTIONS; RULES AND
OPERATIONS; SELECT
COMMITTEE ON
NOMINATIONS;
SELECT COMMITTEE ON
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STATE AND LOCAL
GOVERNMENT



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REDISTRICTING AND
ELECTIONS, CHAIR

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ENVIRONMENT/ NATURAL
RESOURCES;
APPROPRIATIONS –
AGRICULTURE; COMMERCE
AND INSURANCE;
EDUCATION – HIGHER
EDUCATION; JUDICIARY



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AGRICULTURE/ENVIRONMENT/
NATURAL RESOURCES;
APPROPRIATIONS –
EDUCATION; PENSIONS AND
RETIREMENT AND AGING



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Wake

APPROPRIATIONS – GENERAL
GOVERNMENT; COMMERCE
AND INSURANCE;
EDUCATION/HIGHER
EDUCATION; STATE AND
LOCAL GOVERNMENT

**All information and photographs in this segment are pulled from the North Carolina General Assembly website, www.ncleg.gov, and are current as of September 25, 2019.*

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

[House Bill 363 \(SL 2019-18\) - Craft Beer Distribution & Modernization Act](#)

House Bill 363 allows brewery permittees that sell fewer than 100,000 barrels of malt beverages produced by the brewery each year to self-distribute up to 50,000 barrels of malt beverages manufactured by the brewery per year to unaffiliated retail permittees. The bill also provides that only breweries selling fewer than 25,000 barrels of their malt beverages per year may terminate a franchise agreement in the absence of good cause. This act became effective May 30, 2019.

[House Bill 233 \(SL 2019-19\) - State Auditor/Local Finance Officer Amendments](#)

See summary under Government & Public Sector.

[Senate Bill 648 \(SL 2019-37\) - Support Shellfish Aquaculture](#)

See summary under Environmental, Energy, & Natural Resources Law.

[Senate Bill 381 \(SL 2019-32\) - Reconstitute/Clarify Boards and Commissions](#)

Senate Bill 381 reconstitutes several boards and commissions that were held to have unconstitutionally-appointed membership, making corrections to remedy those deficiencies. All rules, regulations, and decisions made by the predecessor boards and authorities reconstituted in this act are in full force and effect unless modified by the successor entities. This act became effective July 1, 2019.

[Senate Bill 11 \(SL 2019-49\) - ABC Regulation & Reform](#)

Senate Bill 11 makes various changes to ABC laws. Section 1 changes the requirements for imposition of fines of certain second and third violations of ABC laws and increases fines while allowing the ABC Commission to impose conditions on operating hours if an egregious violation occurs.

The remainder of the bill does the following: (1) increases the maximum amount the Commission can accept in compromise to \$10,000 in lieu of a permit revocation for certain violations; (2) requires all ABC permit holders to be at least 21 years old; (3) allows permittees to seek review of Commission permit decisions before an administrative law judge; (4) modifies the Commission's authority to suspend or revoke a permit upon receiving certain information regarding an undercover investigation; (5) changes the definition of "private club" and creates a new definition for "private bar;" and (6) provides that permits issued to "private clubs," as defined before this act becomes law, would be grandfathered and eligible for renewal as a private bar or a private club, as applicable under the new definitions.

Section 1 of this act becomes effective October 1, 2019. The remainder of this act generally became effective June 26, 2019, and applies to applicable permits issued on or after that date.

[House Bill 219 \(SL 2019-57\) - NAIC Accreditation Amendments-AB](#)

See summary under Insurance Law.

[Senate Bill 219 \(SL 2019-71\) - Modify Teacher Licensing Requirements](#)

See summary under Education Law.

[Senate Bill 55 \(SL 2019-72\) - Continuing Education for General Contractors](#)

See summary under Construction Law.

[House Bill 656 \(SL 2019-81\) - Medicaid Changes for Transformation](#)

See summary under Health Law.

[House Bill 529 \(SL 2019-88\) - Utilities/Water and Wastewater Consumption](#)

House Bill 529 authorizes the Utilities Commission to adopt, implement, modify, or eliminate a rate adjustment mechanism for regulated water and wastewater utilities to reflect changes in customer usage in a general rate case. The bill also directs the Commission for Public Health to adopt rules concerning the construction and operation of artificial swimming lagoons and to study whether the requirement that all swimming pools have a telephone capable of dialing 911 is necessary. This act became effective July 8, 2019.

[House Bill 770 \(SL 2019-91\) - Freedom to Work/OLB Reform](#)

House Bill 770 does the following: (1) requires administrative agencies, governmental officials, and courts in civil proceedings to consider a Certificate of Relief favorably; (2) defines a "State agency licensing board;" (3) clarifies standards for a licensing board's use of an applicant's criminal history in making determinations; and (4) requires recognition by licensing boards of certain apprenticeship and training experiences. This act becomes effective October 1, 2019, and applies to Certificates of Relief granted, or applications for licensure submitted, on or after that date.

[Senate Bill 311 \(SL 2019-114\) - Massage Board Membership](#)

Senate Bill 311 expands the current membership of the North Carolina Massage and Bodywork Therapy Board to add a licensed operator of a massage and bodywork therapy establishment appointed by the Governor. This act became effective July 11, 2019.

[Senate Bill 384 \(SL 2019-125\) - Clarify Motor Vehicle Dealer Laws](#)

See summary under Business Law.

[House Bill 735 \(SL 2019-129\) - Adopt Rules Incorporating 2017 Food Code](#)

See summary under Health Law.

[House Bill 590 \(SL 2019-140\) - Amend Administrative Procedure Laws](#)

House Bill 590 make various changes to administrative procedure laws.

Part I - Authorize Rule Technical Changes: Under current law, an agency can make certain types of technical changes to its rules without publishing notice of the text in the North Carolina Register or holding a public hearing, but such a change must still be submitted to the Rules Review Commission. Section 1(a) provides the submission requirement. Section 1(b) authorizes the Codifier of Rules to make certain types of technical changes to an agency's rules, but only after consulting with the agency.

Part II - Clarify Contested Case Policy: Section 2(a) provides that a person aggrieved by an agency action is not required to petition the agency for rule making or to seek or obtain a declaratory ruling before commencing a contested case. Section 2(b) makes a conforming change.

Part III - Amend Periodic Review of Rules Process: Under the current process for the periodic review of rules, agencies must classify their rules as necessary with substantive public interest, necessary without substantive public interest, or unnecessary. Section 3 eliminates the category of necessary without substantive public interest so that all rules would be classified as either necessary or unnecessary. Part III became effective July 19, 2019, and applies to agency rule reports submitted to the Office of Administrative Hearings pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A(c)(1) on or after October 1, 2019.

The remainder of the act became effective July 19, 2019.

[Senate Bill 462 \(SL 2019-146\) - Modifications to NC Appraisal Board](#)

See summary under Real Property.

[Senate Bill 508 \(SL 2019-147\) - Civil Procedure/Deponent Declaration](#)

See summary under Litigation.

[House Bill 268 \(SL 2019-151\) - Amend On-Site Wastewater Laws/Misc. TC](#)

House Bill 268 does the following: (1) disapproves certain wastewater rules adopted by the North Carolina Commission for Public Health; (2) creates a task force to study and recommend new wastewater rules to the Commission; (3) amends the approval process for wastewater dispersal systems; and (4) allows soil scientists to approve non-engineered wastewater systems. This act became effective July 22, 2019.

[House Bill 362 \(SL 2019-154\) - 15-Point Scale for School Performance Grades](#)

See summary under Education Law.

[Senate Bill 343 \(SL 2019-165\) - Various Education Law Changes](#)

See summary under Education Law.

[Senate Bill 478 \(SL 2019-167\) - Modify Appointment Reporting](#)

Senate Bill 478 changes the reporting authority for boards appointed by the State. Every board designated by the State Ethics Commission as a non-advisory board would now be required to submit the report to the Secretary of State by September 1. The Secretary of State must accept an electronic filing of the report. For local boards appointed by units of local government, the report would still be submitted by the clerk of its unit of local government. This act became effective July 26, 2019.

[Senate Bill 523 \(SL 2019-169\) - Rev. Tax Clarifying & Administrative Changes](#)

See summary under Tax.

[Senate Bill 604 \(SL 2019-170\) - Amend NC Veterinary Practice Act](#)

Senate Bill 604 makes changes to various veterinary laws. The bill defines "impairment" under G.S. 90-181 and allows the Veterinary Medical Board ("Board") to take disciplinary action against registrants for impairment. The bill amends the extent to which a person may administer to an animal owned by the person, requires veterinary facility permits for any facility where veterinary medicine is practiced, allows a business entity to own a veterinary facility upon obtaining a permit, and allows the Board to establish rules for the practice of veterinary telehealth. The majority of this bill became effective July 26, 2019.

[House Bill 675 \(SL 2019-174\) - 2019 Building Code Regulatory Reform](#)

See summary under Construction Law.

[House Bill 264 \(SL 2019-177\) - GSC Technical Corrections 2019](#)

See summary under General Interest.

[House Bill 220 \(SL 2019-179\) - Insurance Technical Changes-AB](#)

See summary under Insurance Law.

[Senate Bill 302 \(SL 2019-180\) - Update ACH Svc & Care Plan/Bd of Nursing](#)

See summary under Elder & Special Needs Law.

[Senate Bill 290 \(SL 2019-182\) - ABC Regulatory Reform Bill](#)

Senate Bill 290 clarifies contract brewery law and allows distillery permit holders to: (1) obtain permits to sell on-premises malt beverage, on-premises unfortified wine, on-premises fortified wine, and mixed beverages for consumption at the distillery; and (2) sell mixed beverages for consumption at the distillery. The bill also authorizes ABC stores to allow the purchase of individual bottles of spirituous liquor purchased through the special-order process, to sell in store any bottles received in excess of what was purchased by the requesting customer, and to conduct spirituous liquor tastings in the store. Current restrictions on what distilleries can sell at the distillery for off-premises consumption to a visitor taking a tour are removed, and distilleries are allowed to issue purchase-transportation permits for spirituous liquor they sell. Retail permit holder private label brands of malt beverage may now be sold exclusively to the retailer that owns the brand name, or to all retail permit holders within each territory. Finally, malt beverage tastings are allowed at farmers markets, and the sale of more than one alcoholic drink, but no more than two, to a patron at one time is now authorized under certain circumstances. Except as otherwise provided, this act became effective September 1, 2019.

[House Bill 228 \(SL 2019-191\) - Modernize Laws Pertaining to NC Medical Board-AB](#)

See summary under Health Law.

[Senate Bill 321 \(SL 2019-196\) - Federal Motor Carrier Safety/PRISM](#)

Senate Bill 321 makes various changes to the motor vehicle laws of this State to incorporate requirements of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's Performance and Registration Information Systems Management (PRISM) Program. This act becomes effective November 12, 2019.

[House Bill 99 \(SL 2019-203\) - Transfer ALE/Move Boxing Advisory Commission](#)

House Bill 99 moves the Alcohol Law Enforcement ("ALE") Branch from within the State Bureau of Investigation makes ALE a new Division of the Department of Public Safety, and clarifies the jurisdiction of ALE agents. In Section 12, the bill also moves the Boxing Advisory Commission to the Department of Commerce, renames it the Boxing Commission, and gives it rule-making authority. This act becomes effective October 1, 2019; Section 12 applies to applications for a license or permit submitted, contracts entered, and offenses and violations committed on or after that date.

[Senate Bill 574 \(SL 2019-217\) - Study Establish Gaming Comm/Sports Betting](#)

Senate Bill 574 establishes the North Carolina Gaming Commission to regulate bingo, raffles, boxing, and the North Carolina State Lottery. This act became effective September 4, 2019.

[House Bill 554 \(SL 2019-207\) - Funeral Practice Licensure Tech. Corrections](#)

House Bill 554 makes a number of changes to the laws governing the licensure and practice of funeral services, including: (1) changes to the licensure examination requirements; (2) establishing requirements for issuance of a provisional license; (3) requiring certificates of compliance for preneed funeral contracts be filed with the Board of Funeral Service; (4) requiring crematory licensees comply with federal regulations for funeral industry practices and obtain necessary documentation before cremating an individual who died in another state; (5) requiring all licensees comply with rules for the disposal of pacemakers and other hazardous devices; and (6) providing that a medical professional who signs a death certificate is immune from civil liability so long as the cause of death is determined in good faith. This act has varying effective dates.

ANTI-TRUST & COMPLEX BUSINESS DISPUTES

[Senate Bill 384 \(SL 2019-125\) - Clarify Motor Vehicle Dealer Laws](#)

See summary under Business Law.

[House Bill 546 \(SL 2019-155\) - Prohibit Counterfeit/Nonfunctional Airbags](#)

See summary under Criminal Justice.

[Senate Bill 420 \(SL 2019-161\) - NC Servicemembers Civil Relief Act](#)

See summary under Military & Veterans Law.

[Senate Bill 385 \(SL 2019-181\) - Clarify/Auto Dealers Regulatory Req.](#)

Senate Bill 385 makes the following changes to statutes involving motor vehicle dealers: (1) allows a sales representative license applicant to engage in activities as a sales representative while their application is pending under certain conditions; (2) provides that a dealer is not liable for inaccuracies in third party vehicle history reports given to customers if the dealer did not provide the information to the preparer; (3) allows a dealer to pay up to \$250 in consideration for a customer referral; (4) provides that a dealer is not in violation of military anti-discrimination law for not offering military members certain credit-related products that are offered to other customers; and (5) makes clarifying changes to title in transit provisions enacted last session. This act became effective July 26, 2019.

[Senate Bill 290 \(SL 2019-182\) - ABC Regulatory Reform Bill](#)

See summary under Administrative Law.

APPELLATE PRACTICE

[Senate Bill 75 \(SL 2019-2\) - Restore Ct. of Appeals Membership](#)

Senate Bill 75 restores the number of judges on the North Carolina Court of Appeals to fifteen. This act became effective February 27, 2019.

[House Bill 301 \(SL 2019-33\) - CIP Revisions/Juvenile Code](#)

See summary under Juvenile Justice & Children's Rights.

BANKRUPTCY

[Senate Bill 162 \(SL 2019-10\) - Loan Origination/Late Payment Charge Changes](#)

Senate Bill 162 makes technical and clarifying changes, adjusts the loan origination fee for banks, and adjusts the late payment charge for certain loans. This act became effective April 1, 2019, and applies to contracts entered into, renewed, or modified on or after that date.

[House Bill 531 \(SL 2019-53\) - Protect. Tenants at Foreclosure Act Restored](#)

See summary under Real Property.

[Senate Bill 394 \(SL 2019-113\) - Changes to Estates & Trusts Statutes](#)

See summary under Estate Planning & Fiduciary Law.

[Senate Bill 462 \(SL 2019-146\) - Modifications to NC Appraisal Board](#)

See summary under Real Property.

[House Bill 628 \(SL 2019-173\) - 2019 Banking & Mortgage Corrections & Changes](#)

See summary under Business Law.

[House Bill 264 \(SL 2019-177\) - GSC Technical Corrections 2019](#)

See summary under General Interest.

[Senate Bill 532 \(SL 2019-178\) - Amend Probate/Trusts/Wills Choice of Law](#)

See summary under Estate Planning & Fiduciary Law.

BUSINESS LAW

[Senate Bill 56 \(SL 2019-6\) - Revenue Laws Technical Changes](#)

See summary under Tax.

[Senate Bill 162 \(SL 2019-9\) - Loan Origination/Late Payment Charge Changes](#)

See summary under Bankruptcy.

[House Bill 130 \(SL 2019-13\) - Allow Game Nights](#)

House Bill 130 authorizes nonprofit organizations, as well as some employers and trade associations, to operate “game nights” where games of chance are played and prizes are awarded by raffle at facilities serving alcoholic beverages under certain regulations. The bill allows consumption of alcoholic beverages at “game nights” and imposes certain fees payable to Alcohol Law Enforcement. This act became effective June 1, 2019.

[Senate Bill 505 \(SL 2019-14\) - Rural Job Retention Act](#)

Senate Bill 505 expands businesses eligible for the Job Maintenance and Capital Development Fund grants to include a manufacturing business that has been operating in the State for more than 100 years. The Rural Job Retention Act further plans to invest \$325 million of private funds in improvements over a four-year period, employs at least 1,050 full-time employees, and plans to retrain and relocate at least 400 of those employees to a facility located in a tier two area. The total aggregate cost of all agreements the Department of Commerce may enter into under the program increases from to \$154 million under the bill. This act became effective July 1, 2019.

[Senate Bill 310 \(SL 2019-17\) - Electric Co-Op Rural Broadband Services](#)

See summary under Real Property.

[House Bill 363 \(SL 2019-18\) - Craft Beer Distribution & Modernization Act](#)

See summary under Administrative Law.

[House Bill 179 \(SL 2019-34\) - Mini-Truck Classification](#)

House Bill 179 makes various changes to the motor vehicle laws to define and allow for the operation of mini-trucks on roadways with certain restrictions. This act became effective June 21, 2019.

[Senate Bill 648 \(SL 2019-37\) - Support Shellfish Aquaculture](#)

See summary under Environmental, Energy, & Natural Resources Law.

[Senate Bill 466 \(SL 2019-50\) - EDPNC Modifications](#)

Senate Bill 466 allows the contract between the North Carolina Department of Commerce and the Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina to include administration of certain funds or grants received from the federal government, creates new notice requirements when contracting or amending a contract, makes changes to governing board requirements for nonprofit corporations, modifies contract terms relating to the renewal of

contracts and fundraising requirements, and makes other conforming changes. This act generally became effective June 26, 2019.

[Senate Bill 529 \(SL 2019-77\) - Fees/Returned Checks](#)

Senate Bill 529 increases the maximum processing fee for a returned check from \$25 to \$35. This act becomes effective, and applies to checks dated on or after, October 1, 2019.

[Senate Bill 88 \(SL 2019-78\) - Electrician Requirements for Certain Orgs.](#)

See summary under Construction Law.

[House Bill 871 \(SL 2019-92\) - Fair Contracts](#)

See summary under Construction Law.

[Senate Bill 594 \(SL 2019-117\) - Register of Deeds Updates](#)

Senate Bill 594 does the following: (1) clarifies the standards and requirements for registration of certain land records with the Register of Deeds; (2) makes changes to the prohibition on filing false liens or encumbrances (see Section 3); (3) lists terms not to be included in assumed business names; and (4) provides suggested forms for the registration, and amendment, of assumed business names. Section 3 of this act becomes effective December 1, 2019. The remainder of this act becomes effective October 1, 2019, and applies to instruments, certificates, and amended certificates submitted on or after that date.

[Senate Bill 384 \(SL 2019-125\) - Clarify Motor Vehicle Dealer Laws](#)

Senate Bill 384 makes various changes to North Carolina's Motor Vehicle Dealers and Manufacturers Licensing Law.

For dealers, the bill: (1) defines special or essential tool and allows small dealers to enter into tool loaner agreements with other line-make dealers rather than purchasing them; (2) allows them to request elimination of portions of their area of responsibility; and (3) gives dealer associations standing to bring an action for inquiry to collective interest of its members, including expanding the circumstances under which an association may intervene in an action.

For manufacturers, the bill: (1) prohibits them from using unfair performance data to decide proposed dealership ownership transfers or the appointment of successors; (2) makes it unlawful for them to prohibit dealers from selling parts or accessories online; (3) requires them to publish a notice of a license application if they have not been previously licensed; and (4) limits frequency of audits for warranty or recall parts, incentive compensation, or for sales or leases made to known exporters, unless for cause, and prohibits them from employing an auditor whose compensation is based on the number of chargebacks resulting from the audit.

The bill also: (1) increases the amount of reimbursement paid to truck dealers by manufacturers when they sell trucks directly to non-dealer retailers to \$1500 per vehicle; (2) makes clarifying changes to the unfair methods of competition statute and amends exceptions to prohibitions under G.S. 20-305.2 to conditionally allow up to six licensed dealerships in the State operated by a manufacturer of electric vehicles; and (3) requires dealer license applicants to certify whether they are manufacturers and, if so, under which exception to the unfair methods of competition prohibition they claim to qualify.

The majority of this act became effective July 19, 2019. Section 7 of this act, which strengthens existing law on protecting dealership data, becomes effective October 1, 2020, and applies to all current and future franchises and other agreements in existence as of that date.

[Senate Bill 462 \(SL 2019-146\) - Modifications to NC Appraisal Board](#)

See summary under Real Property.

[Senate Bill 508 \(SL 2019-147\) - Civil Procedure/Deponent Declaration](#)

See summary under Litigation.

[House Bill 546 \(SL 2019-155\) - Prohibit Counterfeit/Nonfunctional Airbags](#)

See summary under Criminal Justice.

[Senate Bill 420 \(SL 2019-161\) - NC Servicemembers Civil Relief Act](#)

See summary under Military & Veterans Law.

[Senate Bill 523 \(SL 2019-169\) - Rev. Tax Clarifying & Administrative Changes](#)

See summary under Tax.

[House Bill 628 \(SL 2019-173\) - 2019 Banking & Mortgage Corrections & Changes](#)

House Bill 628 makes the following changes: (1) eliminates the requirement for savings banks and savings and loan associations to publish abstracts of statements of financial condition (effective July 26, 2019); (2) allows commercial banks, savings and loan associations, and savings banks to offer savings promotion raffles (effective December 1, 2019); and (3) expands the NC Banking Commission by adding a member who is, or is employed by a person who is, licensed under the North Carolina Secure and Fair Enforcement Mortgage Licensing Act (effective March 31, 2021).

[House Bill 264 \(SL 2019-177\) - GSC Technical Corrections 2019](#)

See summary under General Interest.

[Senate Bill 385 \(SL 2019-181\) - Clarify/Auto Dealers Regulatory Req.](#)

See summary under Antitrust & Complex Business Disputes Law.

[Senate Bill 290 \(SL 2019-182\) - ABC Regulatory Reform Bill](#)

See summary under Administrative Law.

[House Bill 724 \(SL 2019-188\) - Truth in Caller ID Act](#)

See summary under Privacy & Data Security.

[House Bill 760 \(SL 2019-193\) - Expand Loss Prevention Investigations](#)

See summary under Criminal Justice.

[House Bill 604 \(SL 2019-205\) - Small Business Retirement Program](#)

House Bill 604 creates a Joint Legislative Study Committee on Small Business Retirement Options. The committee will study: (1) ways to reduce burdens on small businesses that offer payroll deduction retirement savings options, (2) mechanisms to prepare citizens for financial security in retirement, (3) feasibility of partnering with similar programs, and (4) oversight for a proposed program. No later than March 31, 2020, the Committee must report findings and recommendations with legislation to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Fiscal Research Division. This act became effective August 27, 2019.

CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

[Senate Bill 214 \(SL 2019-4\) - Ensure Orderly 2019 Elections](#)

See summary under Government & Public Sector.

[House Bill 646 \(SL 2019-22\) - ID Approval/Flex Muni One-Stop](#)

House Bill 646 clarifies the approval process for student and employee identification cards for voting purposes, provides an additional window for approval of these cards for the 2020 elections, and provides flexibility in the number of hours of early one-stop voting in odd-numbered year elections. This act became effective June 3, 2019.

[Senate Bill 220 \(SL 2019-119\) - Removal of Political Signs by Citizens](#)

Senate Bill 220 makes changes to a few election laws. Section 1 allows any citizen to remove a political sign that remains in a public right-of-way thirty days after the time within which political signs are to be removed. It also provides a window of time before the opening and after the close of polls for political advertising to be placed and collected at the voting place. This section becomes effective December 1, 2019, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

Section 2 allows the Executive Director of the State Board of Elections to modify the required certification dates for the 2019 election cycle if needed. This section became effective on July 11, 2019, and expires November 7, 2019.

[House Bill 18 \(SL 2019-136\) - Allow Absentee Ballots/Fire District Election](#)

House Bill 18 allows absentee voting in fire district elections. This act became effective July 19, 2019, and applies to fire district elections held on or after that date.

CONSTRUCTION LAW

[Senate Bill 255 \(SL 2019-39\) - State Board Construction Contract Claim](#)

Senate Bill 255 provides the time period in which the Director of the Office of State Construction shall issue a final order allowing or denying a contractor's verified written claim. This act becomes effective January 1, 2020, and applies to verified claims submitted on or after that date.

[Senate Bill 55 \(SL 2019-72\) - Continuing Education for General Contractors](#)

Senate Bill 55 establishes a continuing education requirement for general contractors of eight hours a year. This act became effective July 1, 2019. The continuing education requirement becomes applicable for licenses renewed on or after January 1, 2020.

[Senate Bill 88 \(SL 2019-78\) - Electrician Requirements for Certain Orgs.](#)

Senate Bill 88 makes several clarifying changes to provide that electrical contractors employed by local boards of education, hospitals, and nonprofit organizations may make repairs and conduct maintenance at any building or facility owned or possessed by a local board of education when done at the direction of the local board of education, hospital, or nonprofit organization. This act became effective July 4, 2019.

[House Bill 871 \(SL 2019-92\) - Fair Contracts](#)

House Bill 871 establishes as void and against public policy certain indemnification agreements relative to engineering, architectural, landscape architectural, or surveying services. This act became effective August 1, 2019, and applies to contracts entered into, amended, or renewed on or after that date.

[House Bill 492 \(SL 2019-123\) - Simplify Builder Inventory Exclusion](#)

House Bill 492 adds the builder inventory property tax exclusion under G.S. 105-277.02 to the group of property tax benefits that use a one-time application. The one-time application would replace the current annual application. This act is effective for taxes imposed for taxable years beginning on or after July 1, 2019.

[Senate Bill 332 \(SL 2019-164\) - Civil Procedure/Limitations/Land Surveyors](#)

Senate Bill 332 clarifies the statute of limitations and statute of repose for negligence claims brought against professional land surveyors by repealing G.S. 1-47(6) and amending G.S. 1-52(18). This act became effective, and applies to actions arising on or after, July 26, 2019.

[House Bill 675 \(SL 2019-174\) - 2019 Building Code Regulatory Reform](#)

House Bill 675, among other things, requires the North Carolina Building Code Council to: (1) create a form for inspection certifications by licensed engineers and licensed architects; (2) conduct a cost-benefit analysis for all proposed changes to the North Carolina Energy Conservation Code; and (3) consult with the Department of Environmental Quality to study options for on-site disposal of demolition debris. It also requires the North Carolina Code Officials Qualification Board to establish a standard certificate for a residential changeout inspector and clarifies the definition of building “component.”

Cities and counties are prohibited from requiring: (1) licensed engineers and licensed architects inspecting building components or elements to submit any information other than that required on the inspection certification form, and (2) residential building plans submitted by licensed engineers and licensed architects to be under seal unless required by the North Carolina State Building Code. Cities and counties are required to complete initial residential plan reviews within 15 business days.

Lastly, it makes a Class 2 misdemeanor to falsely claim or suggest that a person, firm or corporation is a licensed general contractor. Some parts of the bill became effective July 26, 2019, and others become effective October 1, 2019.

[House Bill 872 \(SL 2019-189\) - Underground Utility Safety Act/Changes](#)

House Bill 872 makes various changes to the Underground Utility Safety and Damage Prevention Act, including: (1) amending responsibilities of facility operators, excavators, and the Notification Center; (2) amending exemptions to notice requirements under G.S. 87-124; (3) amending design notices under G.S. 127; and (4) authorizing the Underground Damage Prevention Review Board (“Board”) to approve training courses and impose a fee on operators to fund their activities. This act becomes effective October 1, 2019, and applies to excavations and demolitions occurring on or after that date.

[Senate Bill 353 \(SL 2019-215\) - Amend Cartway Path/Septic Tank Laws](#)

Senate Bill 353 authorizes the establishment of a cartway of not less than 18 feet in width, but not more than 30 feet in width, and clarifies certain septic tank setback distances for applications and development plans submitted on or before August 1, 2019. This act became effective September 4, 2019, but has varying applicability provisions.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

[House Bill 130 \(SL 2019-13\) - Allow Game Nights](#)

See summary under Business Law.

[Senate Bill 151 \(SL 2019-40\) - Break or Enter Pharmacy/Increase Penalty](#)

Senate Bill 151 creates two crimes: (1) a Class E Felony for breaking or entering into a pharmacy with the intent to commit a larceny of a controlled substance, and (2) a Class F Felony to possess or receive a controlled substance stolen from a pharmacy. It also authorizes the forfeiture of any interest in property that a person acquires or maintains from a violation of this act. This act becomes effective December 1, 2019, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

[House Bill 415 \(SL 2019-47\) - Photos of Juveniles/Show-Ups](#)

See summary under Juvenile Justice & Children's Rights.

[Senate Bill 148 \(SL 2019-48\) - Public Records/Release of LEO Recordings](#)

Senate Bill 148 allows law enforcement to release or disclose a recording to the district attorney for the additional purposes of suspect identification or apprehension and locating missing or abducted persons. This act became effective June 26, 2019.

[House Bill 934 \(SL 2019-70\) - Right to Try Adult Stem Cell Treatments](#)

See summary under Health Law.

[Senate Bill 556 \(SL 2019-76\) - GSC People First Language 2019](#)

See summary under Elder & Special Needs Law.

[House Bill 474 \(SL 2019-83\) - Death By Distribution](#)

House Bill 474 creates new criminal offenses for death by distribution, and aggravated death by distribution, of certain controlled substances. This act becomes effective December 1, 2019, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

[House Bill 67 \(SL 2019-84\) - Road Barrier Prohibition](#)

House Bill 67 expands the prohibition on the removal, destruction, or driving through of roadway construction barriers to include dangerous roadway condition closure barriers. The act becomes effective December 1, 2019, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

[House Bill 747 \(SL 2019-90\) - NC Missing Person Information Sharing](#)

See summary under Juvenile Justice & Children's Rights.

[House Bill 770 \(SL 2019-91\) - Freedom to Work/OLB Reform](#)

See summary under Administrative Law.

[House Bill 257 \(SL 2019-115\) - Motorcycles/Face Masks](#)

House Bill 257 amends G.S. 14-12.11 to allow a person to wear a mask while operating a motorcycle and requires the person to remove the mask during encounters with law enforcement. This act is effective December 1, 2019, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

[House Bill 224 \(SL 2019-116\) - Assault w/ Firearm on LEO/Increase Punishment](#)

House Bill 224 amends G.S. 14-34.5 to make it a Class D felony to commit an assault with a firearm on a law enforcement officer, probation officer, parole officer, or an employee of a detention facility. This act becomes effective December 1, 2019, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

[House Bill 138 \(SL 2019-134\) - Damage Jail & Prison Fire Sprinkler/Penalty](#)

House Bill 138 increases the punishment for willfully interfering with, damaging, defacing, molesting, or injuring any part or portion of a fire-alarm, fire-detection, smoke-detection, or fire-extinguishing system in a prison or local confinement facility. The punishment increases from a Class 2 misdemeanor to a Class H felony. This act becomes effective December 1, 2019, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

[House Bill 323 \(SL 2019-150\) - Assess Costs of Local LEO Crime Lab Analysis](#)

House Bill 323 allows judges to order, and local governments and law enforcement units to receive, court costs for lab services performed by a privately-owned lab or for the services of an expert witness employed by a privately-owned lab. This act became effective July 1, 2019, and applies to costs assessed on or after that date.

[House Bill 546 \(SL 2019-155\) - Prohibit Counterfeit/Nonfunctional Airbags](#)

House Bill 546 provides definitions and creates criminal offenses regarding airbags and motor vehicle restraint systems. Actual knowledge of the new violations is required for criminal liability, and violating the section constitutes an unfair and deceptive trade practice under G.S. 75-1.1. This act becomes effective October 1, 2019, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

[Senate Bill 29 \(SL 2019-157\) - Move Over Law/Increase Penalties/Amber Lights](#)

Senate Bill 29 amends G.S. 20-157 to increase the penalty for those who cause serious injury or death by violating the State's Move Over Law and makes it unlawful for any vehicle to use a flashing or strobing amber-colored light unless certain conditions apply. This act becomes effective December 1, 2019, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

[House Bill 198 \(SL 2019-158\) - Human Trafficking Commission Recommendations-AB](#)

House Bill 198 enacts the following recommendations from the North Carolina Human Trafficking Commission: (1) clarifications to the Human Trafficking Article, (2) criminalizes promoting travel for unlawful sexual conduct, (3) provides a specific civil cause of action for human trafficking victims, and (4) expands the post-conviction relief available to a victim of human trafficking. Except as otherwise provided, this act became effective July 1, 2019.

[House Bill 108 \(SL 2019-171\) - PED/Safekeeper Health Care Cost Recov. Pract.](#)

House Bill 108 modifies the data collection and cost recovery practices for health care services provided to inmates who are transferred from a local jail to the State prison system pursuant to a safekeeping order. This act becomes effective October 1, 2019, and applies to all prisoners transferred on or after that date.

[House Bill 264 \(SL 2019-177\) - GSC Technical Corrections 2019](#)

See summary under General Interest.

[Senate Bill 9 \(SL 2019-183\) - Female Genital Mutilation/Clarify Prohibition](#)

See summary under Health Law.

[Senate Bill 413 \(SL 2019-186\) - Raise the Age Modifications](#)

See summary under Juvenile Justice & Children's Rights.

[House Bill 228 \(SL 2019-191\) - Modernize Laws Pertaining to NC Medical Board-AB](#)

See summary under Health Law.

[House Bill 760 \(SL 2019-193\) - Expand Loss Prevention Investigations](#)

House Bill 760 clarifies that a prosecution for obtaining property by false pretenses is not barred when some acts constituting the crime did not occur within the State. It also expands the investigative authority of loss prevention workers by clarifying that such workers are not included in the definition of a private protective services profession. Except as otherwise provided, this act became effective August 9, 2019.

[House Bill 391 \(SL 2019-194\) - Passenger Protection Act](#)

House Bill 391 amends Transportation Network Company ("TNC") safety requirements, creates an infraction for a TNC driver's failure to display their license plate number as required, creates a criminal offense for impersonating a TNC driver, and raises the punishment for assaulting a TNC driver providing a TNC service from a Class 2 to a Class A1 misdemeanor. Except as otherwise provided, this act became effective August 9, 2019.

[Senate Bill 584 \(SL 2019-198\) - Criminal Law Reform](#)

See Summary under Government & Public Sector.

[Senate Bill 682 \(SL 2019-216\) - Implement Crime Victim Rights Amendment](#)

Senate Bill 682 implements a Constitutional amendment to provide further protections and safeguards to victims of crime and acts of delinquency. This act generally became effective August 31, 2019, and applies to offenses and acts of delinquency committed on or after that date.

EDUCATION LAW

[House Bill 646 \(SL 2019-22\) - ID Approval/Flex Muni One-Stop](#)

See summary under Constitutional Rights & Responsibilities.

[House Bill 70 \(SL 2019-23\) - Delay NC HealthConnex for Certain Providers](#)

See summary under Health Law.

[House Bill 57 \(SL 2019-51\) - Create Term for Public Schs. & Codify NCVPS](#)

House Bill 57 creates a new definition in G.S. 115C for the term “public school unit” to refer collectively to multiple types of public schools in the State and codifies the North Carolina Virtual Public School program to consolidate all references to the program. This act became effective July 1, 2019, and applies beginning with the 2019-2020 school year.

[House Bill 389 \(SL 2019-52\) - ABC/Univ Athletic Facility](#)

House Bill 389 authorizes public colleges and universities to allow alcohol sales at stadiums, athletic facilities, and arenas located on school property. This act became effective June 26, 2019.

[House Bill 664 \(SL 2019-55\) - myFutureNC/Postsecondary Attainment Goal](#)

House Bill 664 establishes a postsecondary educational attainment goal for the State in order to ensure that the State remains economically competitive. The State is to make significant efforts to increase access to learning so that by 2030, 2,000,000 residents between the ages of 25 and 44 will have completed a high-quality credential or postsecondary degree. This act became effective June 26, 2019.

[Senate Bill 227 \(SL 2019-60\) - TP3/Principal Fellows Consolidation](#)

Senate Bill 227 maintains the existing administration of the Transforming Principal Preparation Program (“TP3”) for current grant recipients until 2021, expands the Principal Fellows Commission to include the TP3, and repeals the Principal Fellows Program in 2021. Except as otherwise provided, this act became effective June 27, 2019.

[Senate Bill 225 \(SL 2019-68\) - Repeal Tuition Surcharge](#)

Senate Bill 225 repeals the tuition surcharge requirement (G.S. 116-143.7). It would still allow the tuition period to be tolled if the student can demonstrate that any of the following have substantially disrupted or interrupted the student's pursuit of a degree: (1) a military service obligation; (2) serious medical debilitation; (3) a short-term or long-term disability; or (4) other extraordinary hardship. This act became effective July 1, 2019, and applies beginning with the 2019-2020 academic year.

[Senate Bill 219 \(SL 2019-71\) - Modify Teacher Licensing Requirements](#)

Senate Bill 219 makes various changes within G.S. 115C-270 and G.S. 115C-302.

Part I makes changes to the initial professional teacher ("IPL") licensure statutes and creates a one-year IPL extension for certain teachers. Next, the bill creates a new limited teaching license for individuals who do not meet the criteria for a continuing professional license and for out-of-state teacher licensees. Part III authorizes local boards of education to determine experience credit for newly employed teachers to pay them at the commensurate level on the State salary schedule during the first year of employment. Lastly, Part IV reduces the service requirement for a lifetime teaching license from 50 years to 30 years, and provides for emergency rulemaking to effectuate the requirements of the bill. It also repeals G.S. 115C-270.20(a)(6) and G.S. 115C-270.30(b)(3).

This act became effective July 1, 2019, and, except as otherwise provided, applies beginning with applications for teacher licensure submitted on or after the eighteenth day following the effective date.

[Senate Bill 88 \(SL 2019-78\) - Electrician Requirements for Certain Orgs.](#)

See summary under Construction Law.

[House Bill 924 \(SL 2019-82\) - Teacher Contract Changes](#)

House Bill 924 clarifies how much time a teacher must have already worked for a local board of education in order to be eligible for an extended employment contract. The bill also requires a new course in economics and personal finance as a graduation requirement for students, as well as professional development for teachers of that course. Finally, it clarifies the requirements for the existing high school civics course and requires the State Board of Education to revise the standards for the social studies standard course of study. Except as otherwise provided, this act became effective July 8, 2019.

[House Bill 886 \(SL 2019-87\) - Study Participation of Operators in NC Pre-K](#)

House Bill 886 requires the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child Development and Early Education ("Division"), to complete a study of four- and five-star centers that are not participating in NC Pre-K in order to identify the challenges associated

with becoming a NC Pre-K site. The required report must be submitted to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services and the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee by February 1, 2020. This act became effective July 8, 2019.

[Senate Bill 399 \(SL 2019-110\) - Rehire High-Need Teachers](#)

Senate Bill 399 allows retired teachers to return to work in certain high-need schools without adversely impacting their retirement benefits. This act became effective July 1, 2019, and expires June 30, 2021.

[Senate Bill 500 \(SL 2019-120\) - Modify Advanced Math Course Enrollment](#)

Among other things, Senate Bill 500 clarifies requirements for advanced math course enrollment and requires reporting on enrollment. Additionally, for the 2019-2020 school year only, it exempts certain schools from the requirement that 7th grade students who score at the highest level be enrolled in a high school math course in 8th grade. This act became effective July 11, 2019, and, except as otherwise provided, applies beginning with the 2019-2020 school year.

[House Bill 668 \(SL 2019-139\) - Various Higher Education Changes](#)

House Bill 668 makes the following changes: (1) authorizes community colleges to use adequate insurance coverage in place of bonds for employees handling institutional funds and property, (2) renames the University Of North Carolina Center For Public Television as The University Of North Carolina Center For Public Media, (3) authorizes the Board of Governors to establish policies that allow certain lease purchase agreements, and (4) allows evidence of North Carolina high school graduation for students to rebut the presumption that the student's residence is the parent's residence for establishing residency for in-state tuition purposes for North Carolina community colleges and universities. This act became effective July 19, 2019.

[House Bill 411 \(SL 2019-142\) - Modify School Qual./Student Success Indicator](#)

House Bill 411 combines career and college readiness indicators for both school performance grades required under State law, as well as for federal reporting purposes under the "Every Student Succeeds Act," and requires the State Board of Education to include additional career and college readiness information on annual school report cards. This act became effective July 19, 2019. The majority of the bill applies to measures based on data from the 2018-2019 school year and each school year thereafter.

[House Bill 107 \(SL 2019-149\) - PED Oversight/EPP Changes](#)

House Bill 107 does all of the following: (1) includes as a performance standard for Educator Preparation Programs ("EPP") the two-year retention rate of EPP completers initially licensed and employed in a North Carolina public school, (2) removes the quality

of students entering the EPP as a performance standard and instead only includes it in the annual performance report, (3) makes various clarifying and technical changes to the annual performance report, (4) modifies the criteria by which an EPP can be sanctioned, and (5) directs the State Board of Education (“State Board”) to adopt a rule creating a small group reporting exception any time data are at risk of being individually identifiable and to collaborate on a formulaic, performance-based weighted model before reporting the developed product to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee in advance of implementation. This act became effective July 22, 2019. Section 1 of this act applies to: (1) EPPs authorized by the State Board on or after that date; and (2) reports submitted to the State Board and reviews of an EPP, beginning with those based on data from the 2019-2020 academic year.

[House Bill 362 \(SL 2019-154\) - 15-Point Scale for School Performance Grades](#)

House Bill 362 permanently changes the scale for the determination of school performance grades to a 15-point scale, requires the State Board of Education to adopt emergency rules in preparation for permanent rulemaking, and directs the State Board of Education to study the reporting methods used for school accountability purposes on the North Carolina annual school report cards. This act became effective July 22, 2019. Section 1 of this act applies beginning with the 2019-2020 school year.

[Senate Bill 343 \(SL 2019-165\) - Various Education Law Changes](#)

Senate Bill 343 makes changes to various education reports including date changes, repeals of certain reports, and modifications of information to be reported. It also clarifies the Education Workforce Innovation Commission's membership, staggers appointments to the Professional Educator Preparation and Standards Commission, and exempts the State Board's charter actions from contested case provisions. This act became effective July 26, 2019.

[House Bill 922 \(SL 2019-176\) - Enhance Insurance Coverage/Educ. Buildings](#)

House Bill 922 authorizes a Type I transfer and consolidation of the School Insurance Fund Section of the Department of Public Instruction that oversees the management and operation of a system of insurance for public education property to the Department of Insurance (“DOI”), as well as transferring the Public School Insurance Fund to DOI. Local boards of education, regional schools, and community colleges are also required to purchase flood insurance for all educational property. This act becomes effective July 1, 2020.

[Senate Bill 301 \(SL 2019-184\) - Regional School Modifications](#)

Senate Bill 301 creates a withdrawal process for participating units from a regional school. This act became effective August 1, 2019.

[Senate Bill 366 \(SL 2019-185\) - 9th/10th Grade/College Transfer Pathways](#)

Senate Bill 366 does all of the following: (1) expands the career and technical education (“CTE”) pathway to high school freshman and sophomores to include construction and business technologies courses, (2) expands the college transfer pathway to certain high school sophomores, (3) requires that those sophomores receive academic advising on entering college early and get parental consent before participating in the pathway, and (4) makes changes to adjunct CTE instructor hiring. Except as otherwise provided, this act became effective August 1, 2019, and applies beginning with the 2019-2020 school year.

[Senate Bill 621 \(SL 2019-212\) - Testing Reduction Act of 2019](#)

Senate Bill 621 makes the following changes to testing: (1) eliminates the North Carolina Final Exams; (2) replaces end-of-grade assessments (“EOGs”) with a “through-grade assessment model” similar to the NC Check-Ins; (3) replaces end-of-course assessments (“EOCs”) with a nationally-recognized assessment of high school achievement, such as the ACT or SAT; (4) requires reporting on, and reductions in, local testing; (5) prohibits graduation projects as a condition of graduation; and (6) requires a review of the third grade reading EOG test to ensure alignment with the “Read to Achieve” alternative assessment. Except as otherwise provided, this act became effective September 4, 2019.

[Senate Bill 230 \(SL 2019-201\) - NC Military and Veteran Act of 2019](#)

See summary under Military & Veterans Law.

ELDER & SPECIAL NEEDS LAW

[House Bill 70 \(SL 2019-23\) - Delay NC HealthConnex for Certain Providers](#)

See summary under Health Law.

[Senate Bill 225 \(SL 2019-68\) - Repeal Tuition Surcharge](#)

See summary under Education Law.

[House Bill 934 \(SL 2019-70\) - Right to Try Adult Stem Cell Treatments](#)

See summary under Health Law.

[Senate Bill 556 \(SL 2019-76\) - GSC People First Language 2019](#)

Senate Bill 556, among other things, updates the statutes relating to the provision of services with People First language by changing the phrase “mental retardation” to “intellectual disability” or “intellectual or other developmental disability” and makes other related changes. The bill also amends the membership of the General Statutes Commission to repeal the appointing authority of the Charlotte School of Law, which has closed. Except as otherwise provided, this act became effective July 1, 2019.

[House Bill 656 \(SL 2019-81\) - Medicaid Changes for Transformation](#)

See summary under Health Law.

[Senate Bill 399 \(SL 2019-110\) - Rehire High-Need Teachers](#)

See summary under Education Law.

[Senate Bill 394 \(SL 2019-113\) - Changes to Estates & Trusts Statutes](#)

See summary under Estate Planning & Fiduciary Law.

[House Bill 50 \(SL 2019-175\) - Allow Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy for TBI/PTSD](#)

See summary under Military & Veterans Law.

[House Bill 264 \(SL 2019-177\) - GSC Technical Corrections 2019](#)

See summary under General Interest.

[House Bill 220 \(SL 2019-179\) - Insurance Technical Changes-AB](#)

See summary under Insurance Law.

[Senate Bill 302 \(SL 2019-180\) - Update ACH Svc & Care Plan/Bd of Nursing](#)

Senate Bill 302 alters the requirements of the initial resident assessment conducted by adult care homes and allows the use of the Medicaid personal care services assessment to satisfy the required resident assessment of physical functioning for activities of daily living. The bill also amends the assisted living administrator qualifications in Part I, and Part II amends the Nursing Practice Act by making a number of changes, many of which are technical, conforming, or make the licensing process more efficient. Part II of this act becomes effective October 1, 2019, and applies to licenses granted or renewed on or after that date, as well as actions taken by the Board of Nursing on or after that date. The remainder of the act became effective July 26, 2019.

[House Bill 449 \(SL 2019-213\) - Handicapped & Special Registration Plates](#)

House Bill 449 authorizes the Division of Motor Vehicles to issue a handicapped license plate to a vehicle owner who is the parent or legal guardian of a handicapped person. It also authorizes the Division to produce four new special registration plates. This act becomes effective March 1, 2020.

ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY, & NATURAL RESOURCES LAW

[Senate Bill 648 \(SL 2019-37\) - Support Shellfish Aquaculture](#)

Senate Bill 648 makes various changes to State laws governing shellfish aquaculture, including: (1) authorizing the establishment of Shellfish Aquaculture Enterprise Areas; (2) establishing the "Pamlico Sound Shellfish Aquaculture Pilot Project;" (3) increasing annual

production and planting requirements for shellfish cultivation leases; (4) facilitating the transition of terminated leases to productive uses; (5) allowing transport of seed oysters and seed clams from aquaculture operations in prohibited waters unless it is a risk to public health; (6) establishing a new administrative remedy for shellfish leasing appeals; (7) places moratoriums on shellfish leasing in New Hanover County and the Bogue Sound; and (8) establishes several new studies related to shellfish aquaculture. Except as otherwise provided, this act became effective July 1, 2019.

[House Bill 812 \(SL 2019-86\) - Nutrient Offset Amendments](#)

House Bill 812 allows a wastewater facility to offset its nutrient reduction requirements with nutrient offset credits (“credits”) from a nutrient offset project (“project”) located downstream from the wastewater facility and upstream from the impaired water body. This change allows the wastewater facility to offset its reduction requirements with credits from a project located outside of its hydrologic area. House Bill 812 also authorizes the Environmental Management Commission to further limit the permissible projects. This act became effective July 8, 2019, and applies to credits purchased on or after that date.

[House Bill 761 \(SL 2019-126\) - Clarify Wastewater Permitting Liability](#)

House Bill 761 provides that the Department of Health and Human Services, its authorized agents, and local health departments bear no liability for wastewater systems failures that are a direct result of certain wastewater system evaluations conducted by licensed soil scientists or licensed geologists. This act became effective July 19, 2019.

[House Bill 329 \(SL 2019-132\) - Renewable Energy Amends.](#)

House Bill 329 does the following: (1) amends the definition of “public utility” to exclude a person using an electric vehicle charging station to resell electricity to the public under certain conditions; (2) directs the Environmental Management Commission to adopt rules to establish a regulatory program to govern the management of end-of-life photovoltaic modules and energy storage system batteries and the decommissioning of utility-scale solar projects and wind energy facilities; and (3) extends certain treatment given to small power producers that produce energy from swine and poultry waste to certain small hydroelectric power facilities, with respect to an exemption concerning capacity payments to small power producers under standard contracts. This act became effective July 19, 2019.

[Senate Bill 606 \(SL 2019-148\) - Prioritize Native NC Plants on Highway ROW](#)

Senate Bill 606 amends the Department of Transportation's authority to plant trees and other vegetation in the highway right-of-way by directing the Department to select acceptable plants with a strong preference for those that are native to North Carolina. This act became effective July 22, 2019.

[House Bill 268 \(SL 2019-151\) - Amend On-Site Wastewater Laws/Misc. TC](#)

See summary under Administrative Law.

[House Bill 872 \(SL 2019-189\) - Underground Utility Safety Act/Changes](#)

See summary under Construction Law.

[Senate Bill 190 \(SL 2019-190\) - Expand Special Assessments for Dam Repair](#)

See summary under Government & Public Sector.

[House Bill 597 \(SL 2019-204\) - Wildlife Resources Commission Amends.](#)

House Bill 597 makes numerous changes to the Wildlife Resources Commission's ("WRC") laws, licenses, and fees, including: (1) placement of validation decals on both sides of vessels, (2) amending various definitions, (3) wildlife endowment fund changes, (4) provisions related to trapper identification numbers, and (5) enforcement authority for WRC inspectors and protectors. This act was signed into law on August 27, 2019 and has varying effective dates.

ESTATE PLANNING & FIDUCIARY LAWS

[House Bill 934 \(SL 2019-70\) - Right to Try Adult Stem Cell Treatments](#)

See summary under Health Law.

[Senate Bill 394 \(SL 2019-113\) - Changes to Estates & Trusts Statutes](#)

Senate Bill 394 would make various changes to State laws dealing with estates, trusts, and guardianships as recommended by the North Carolina Bar Association Estate Planning Section. The changes include clarifying language regarding encumbered assets, clerk jurisdiction in guardianship proceedings, statute of limitations issues involving trusts, North Carolina spousal allowance, and removal and replacement of trustees under certain circumstances. This act has varying effective dates.

[House Bill 264 \(SL 2019-177\) - GSC Technical Corrections 2019](#)

See summary under General Interest.

[Senate Bill 532 \(SL 2019-178\) - Amends Probate/Trusts/Wills Choice of Law](#)

Senate Bill 532 makes various amendments to the statutes on living probate, application for letters testamentary or letters of administration, choice of law for out of state wills, and transfer of property held in a tenancy by the entirety to a tenancy by the entirety trust. This act became effective July 26, 2019.

FAMILY LAW

[House Bill 301 \(SL 2019-33\) - CIP Revisions/Juvenile Code](#)

See summary under Juvenile Justice & Children's Rights.

[House Bill 578 \(SL 2019-42\) - Modify Legitimations Provisions](#)

House Bill 578 removes language regarding the legitimation process that conflicts with current case law. Specifically, it requires a clerk of superior court to determine that changing a child's surname is in the best interests of the child before making the name change, removes language that requires the child's surname to be changed to the father's surname after legitimation, and makes a conforming change. This act became effective June 21, 2019, and applies to birth certificates issued on or after that date.

[Senate Bill 508 \(SL 2019-147\) - Civil Procedure/Deponent Declaration](#)

See summary under Litigation.

[Senate Bill 493 \(SL 2019-168\) - DVPO Abuser Treatment/Time of Expiration](#)

Senate Bill 493 adds procedural efficiencies when a defendant is ordered to attend an abuser treatment program, clarifies that a domestic violence protective order expires at 11:59 pm on the last day the order is valid (as recommended by North Carolina Bar Association Family Law Section), and clarifies that any subsequent court order supersedes protective orders issued under Chapter 50B. This act becomes effective December 1, 2019, and applies to orders in effect on or after that date.

[House Bill 469 \(SL 2019-172\) - Various Family Law Changes](#)

House Bill 469 modifies the laws pertaining to equitable distribution, parenting coordinators, and adoption laws, as recommended by the North Carolina Bar Association Family Law Section. This act generally becomes effective October 1, 2019.

[Senate Bill 532 \(SL 2019-178\) - Amend Probate/Trusts/Wills Choice of Law](#)

See summary under Estate Planning & Fiduciary Law.

GENERAL INTEREST

[Senate Bill 75 \(SL 2019-2\) - Restore Ct. of Appeals Membership](#)

See summary under Appellate Practice.

[Senate Bill 508 \(SL 2019-147\) - Civil Procedure/Deponent Declaration](#)

See summary under Litigation.

[Senate Bill 420 \(SL 2019-161\) - NC Servicemembers Civil Relief Act](#)

See summary under Military & Veterans Law.

[House Bill 264 \(SL 2019-177\) - GSC Technical Corrections 2019](#)

House Bill 264 contains numerous corrections of a technical nature to the General Statutes and session laws as recommended by the General Statutes Commission. Except as otherwise provided, this act became effective July 26, 2019.

[House Bill 449 \(SL 2019-213\) - Handicapped & Special Registration Plates](#)

See summary under Elder & Special Needs Law.

GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC SECTOR

[Senate Bill 214 \(SL 2019-4\) - Ensure Orderly 2019 Elections](#)

Senate Bill 214 allows any registered voter that votes in person in 2019 to vote an official ballot whether or not photographic identification is presented, and requires the State Board of Elections and all county boards to continue all implementation and education efforts during this same time period. This act became effective March 14, 2019.

[Senate Bill 605 \(SL 2019-15\) - Highway Storm Recovery Act](#)

Senate Bill 605 transfers funds to the Department of Transportation to be used as a loan for cash flow needs as a result of disaster recovery. This act became effective May 16, 2019.

[House Bill 1014 \(SL 2019-16\) - 2020 Census VTD Verification Program](#)

House Bill 1014 requires the Legislative Services Officer to be responsible for submissions in the Phase 2, Voting District Project portion of the 2020 federal decennial census. Except as otherwise provided, this act became effective May 29, 2019.

[House Bill 233 \(SL 2019-19\) - State Auditor/Local Finance Officer Amends.](#)

House Bill 233 amends various statutes related to the Office of the State Auditor, as requested by the Office of the State Auditor, through: (1) amending the powers and duties of the finance officer appointed by a Local Government or Public Authority; (2) granting the Local Government Commission authority to establish minimum qualifications for a finance officer; (3) requiring a finance officer to undergo training in certain circumstances; and (4) requiring a local government or public authority to contract with outside entities due to deficiencies in complying with local government finance laws. Except as otherwise provided, this act became effective June 3, 2019.

[House Bill 646 \(SL 2019-22\) - ID Approval/Flex Muni One-Stop](#)

See summary under Constitutional Rights & Responsibilities.

[House Bill 131 \(SL 2019-35\) - Repeal Map Act](#)

House Bill 131 repeals the Transportation Corridor Official Map Act, which: (1) authorized the North Carolina Department of Transportation, local governments, and transportation authorities to adopt maps for future transportation projects; and (2) placed restrictions on properties within mapped corridors. This act became effective June 21, 2019.

[House Bill 82 \(SL 2019-36\) - Railroad Crossing/On-Track Equipment](#)

House Bill 82 defines “on-track equipment” as any railcar, rolling stock, equipment, vehicle, or other device that is operated on stationary rails. The bill amends the statutes related to safety of vehicles at railroad crossings to make clear that the requirements for when a train is approaching or visible apply similarly to on-track equipment. This act becomes effective December 1, 2019, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

[Senate Bill 483 \(SL 2019-73\) - Vacation Rental Act Changes](#)

See summary under Real Property.

[Senate Bill 313 \(SL 2019-79\) - Perf. Guar. To Streamline Afford. Housing](#)

See summary under Zoning, Planning & Land Use.

[Senate Bill 127 \(SL 2019-80\) - Protect Governmental Accountability](#)

Senate Bill 127 extends whistleblower protection to persons reporting improper government activity to agents and employees of legislative panels duly appointed by the President Pro Tempore and/or the Speaker of the House designated to conduct inquiries on their behalf. It also requires State officers, agents, agencies, and departments to provide information upon request to legislative panels and their agents and employees. This act became effective July 4, 2019.

[House Bill 917 \(SL 2019-89\) - Emergency Declaration/Clarify Rd Closure](#)

House Bill 917 clarifies that a local declaration of emergency includes the authority to close roads and public vehicular areas within an emergency area to persons other than emergency responders and other persons necessary for emergency recovery. This act became effective July 8, 2019.

[Senate Bill 355 \(SL 2019-111\) - Land-Use Regulatory Changes](#)

See summary under Zoning, Planning, and Land Use.

[Senate Bill 378 \(SL 2019-112\) - Local Economic Development Modifications](#)

Senate Bill 378 amends the requirement for holding a public hearing for each appropriation or expenditure for economic development by providing that, if the appropriation or expenditure is included in the annual budget, no public hearing other than the one required for the budget is necessary. If the appropriation or expenditure is not in the annual budget,

a public hearing with at least 10 days notice is required. This act became effective July 11, 2019, and applies to appropriations and expenditures approved on or after that date.

[Senate Bill 220 \(SL 2019-119\) - Removal of Political Signs by Citizens](#)

See summary under Constitutional Rights & Responsibilities.

[House Bill 758 \(SL 2019-127\) - MSD Expansion and Governance/DACS Study](#)

House Bill 758 requires expansion of a metropolitan sewerage district in certain limited circumstances, in addition to Environmental Management Commission finding that the inclusion of the new territory would: (1) not adversely affect customer service in the district, and (2) preserve and promote the public health and welfare of the district. It also directs the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to study wildlife enhancement, invasive species control, and native habitat restoration on State-managed properties. This act became effective July 19, 2019.

[House Bill 495 \(SL 2019-131\) - No Municipal Reg/Off-Site Wastewater Systems](#)

House Bill 495 prohibits a municipality from enacting an ordinance, or enforcing an existing ordinance, that prohibits or regulates the use of an off-site wastewater system or other system approved by the Department of Public Health when the system meets the conditions of the approval. This act became effective July 19, 2019.

[House Bill 329 \(SL 2019-132\) - Renewable Energy Amends.](#)

See summary under Environment, Energy, & Natural Resources Law.

[House Bill 590 \(SL 2019-140\) - Amend Administrative Procedure Laws](#)

See summary under Administrative Law.

[Senate Bill 316 \(SL 2019-144\) - Affordable Housing](#)

Senate Bill 316 directs municipalities with a population of at least 90,000 to report to the General Assembly on local government funding, subsidies, and activities related to affordable housing by October 1, 2019. This act became effective July 19, 2019.

[House Bill 268 \(SL 2019-151\) - Amend On-Site Wastewater Laws/Misc. TC](#)

See summary under Administrative Law.

[House Bill 243 \(SL 2019-152\) - State Human Resources Act Amendments- AB](#)

House Bill 243 directs the Office of State Human Resources to: (1) provide assistance to State agencies in establishing, and administering, safety and health programs required by law, and (2) to monitor compliance with the State Employees Workplace Requirements Program for Safety, Health, and Workers' Compensation. It also clarifies that officers and employees of the Consolidated Judicial Retirement System and the Legislative Retirement

System are “eligible officers and employees” under the North Carolina Flexible Compensation Plan. This act became effective July 22, 2019.

[House Bill 620 \(SL 2019-156\) - Street Database/Manual/Public Record Except](#)

House Bill 620 does the following: (1) requires the North Carolina Department of Transportation to compile a readily-available Public Street Information Database and to update its Subdivision Roads Minimum Construction Standards Manual; (2) amends the public records law to designate proprietary design work, work product, and certain intra-agency communications as confidential during the competitive bid process; and (3) amends public street designation requirements for plat or map recording. This act became effective July 22, 2019.

[Senate Bill 523 \(SL 2019-169\) - Rev. Tax Clarifying & Administrative Changes](#)

See summary under Tax.

[House Bill 108 \(SL 2019-171\) - PED/Safekeeper Health Care Cost Recov. Pract.](#)

See summary under Criminal Justice.

[House Bill 872 \(SL 2019-189\) - Underground Utility Safety Act/Changes](#)

See summary under Construction Law.

[Senate Bill 190 \(SL 2019-190\) - Expand Special Assessments for Dam Repair](#)

Senate Bill 190 extends the sunset on counties' authority to impose special assessments for dam repair from July 1, 2019, to July 1, 2022, and expands the authority to repair privately-owned dams used for recreational and flood control purposes with a lake between 1,100 and 1,300 acres. This act became effective August 1, 2019.

[Senate Bill 68 \(SL 2019-197\) - Relocation of Water/Sewer Line Costs](#)

Senate Bill 68 requires the North Carolina Department of Transportation to pay a percentage of non-betterment costs for certain water and sewer line relocations when located within the right-of-way of State transportation improvement projects. This act became effective August 14, 2019.

[Senate Bill 584 \(SL 2019-198\) - Criminal Law Reform](#)

Senate Bill 584 subjects all rules creating criminal penalties to a delayed effective date, extends the deadline for local governments and State agencies to report on ordinances and rules subject to a criminal penalty, and requires the General Statutes Commission to study the reports received. Except as otherwise provided, this act became effective August 14, 2019.

HEALTH LAW

[House Bill 388 \(SL 2019-21\) - Immunizing Pharmacists](#)

House Bill 388 expands the vaccinations or immunizations that may be administered by an immunizing pharmacist to allow: (1) persons age 18 and older to receive the Serogroup B meningococcal vaccines, the Human Papillomavirus vaccine, and the Hepatitis A vaccine; (2) children age 10 (now age 14) to receive the influenza vaccine; and (3) children ages 6 to 10 to receive the influenza vaccine following a physical examination and prescription order initiated by a provider. Section 1 of this act becomes effective on October 1, 2019, and the remainder of this act became effective June 3, 2019.

[House Bill 70 \(SL 2019-23\) - Delay NC HealthConnex for Certain Providers](#)

House Bill 70 amends G.S. 90-414.4 to (1) extend the deadline by which providers not mentioned elsewhere in the statute have to connect to the Health Information Exchange (“HIE”) to June 1, 2020; (2) allow psychiatrists until June 1, 2021, before they are required to connect; (3) allow the Department of Health and Human Services (“DHHS”) to extend the connection deadline for providers making a good faith effort to connect to June 1, 2020; (4) allow the Secretary of DHHS to exempt classes of providers from connecting to the HIE through December 31, 2022; and (5) make connection to the HIE voluntary for several types of providers. This act became effective June 6, 2019.

[Senate Bill 252 \(SL 2019-26\) - Dental Bill of Rights](#)

See summary under Insurance Law.

[House Bill 548 \(SL 2019-43\) - Modify Physical Therapy Definition](#)

House Bill 548 removes the “practice of chiropractic” from the definition of physical therapy in G.S. 90-270.90(4). This act becomes effective October 1, 2019.

[House Bill 658 \(SL 2019-54\) - Allow Donations of Unexpired Drugs](#)

House Bill 658 amends the requirements for drugs donated to pharmacists or free clinics participating in the Drug, Supplies, and Medical Device Repository Program to only require that the drug not have reached its expiration date. Currently, a pharmacist may only accept drugs that bear an expiration date that is later than six months after the date the drug is donated. This act became effective June 26, 2019.

[House Bill 219 \(SL 2019-57\) - NAIC Accreditation Amendments-AB](#)

See summary under Insurance Law.

[House Bill 934 \(SL 2019-70\) - Right to Try Adult Stem Cell Treatments](#)

House Bill 934 allows patients with chronic or terminal diseases to receive adult stem cell treatment that is in clinical trials on humans, but has not yet been approved by the Food

and Drug Administration. Health benefit plans are not obligated to provide coverage for participation in these clinical trials. This act becomes effective December 1, 2019, and applies to acts committed on or after that date.

[Senate Bill 556 \(SL 2019-76\) - GSC People First Language 2019](#)

See summary under Elder & Special Needs Law.

[Senate Bill 88 \(SL 2019-78\) - Electrician Requirements for Certain Orgs.](#)

See summary under Construction Law.

[House Bill 656 \(SL 2019-81\) - Medicaid Changes for Transformation](#)

House Bill 656 makes changes to Medicaid and Health Choice laws that are necessary: (1) to comply with federal law and regulations; (2) for consistency with the Medicaid Transformation legislation, S.L. 2015-245, as amended; and (3) for consistency with the Prepaid Health Plan contracts that have been awarded. Except as otherwise provided, this act becomes effective October 1, 2019.

[House Bill 474 \(SL 2019-83\) - Death By Distribution](#)

See summary under Criminal Justice.

[House Bill 886 \(SL 2019-87\) - Study Participation of Operations in NC Pre-K](#)

See summary under Education Law.

[House Bill 735 \(SL 2019-129\) - Adopt Rules Incorporating 2017 Food Code](#)

House Bill 735 allow the Commission for Public Health to adopt rules to incorporate all or part of the 2017 United States Food and Drug Administration Food Code. This act became effective July 19, 2019.

[House Bill 106 \(SL 2019-135\) - Inmate Health Care & 340B Program](#)

House Bill 106 improves inmate health care reimbursement and establishes a telemedicine pilot program. The bill also directs the Department of Public Safety (“DPS”) to partner with the Department of Health and Human Services for the purchase of certain medications for inmates, and directs DPS to issue requests for proposals for partnerships between North Carolina 340B Program entities and the four North Carolina prison regions. Further, DPS is directed to partner with the University of North Carolina Health System to shift prescribing authority on certain medications. Except as otherwise provided, this act became effective July 19, 2019.

[Senate Bill 210 \(SL 2019-143\) - Organ & Tissue Donation/Heart Heroes](#)

Senate Bill 210 amends the Revised Uniform Anatomical Gift Act by removing the specific exclusion of tissue as an anatomical gift authorized by the placement of a symbol on the donor's drivers license or identification card. This act becomes effective October 1, 2019.

[Senate Bill 297 \(SL 2019-145\) - Cancer Research Advisory Panel](#)

Senate Bill 297 directs the North Carolina Policy Collaboratory at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill to assemble a research advisory panel to study and develop recommendations on how best to implement a research program to determine whether any cancer clusters exist within the State. This act became effective July 19, 2019.

[House Bill 268 \(SL 2019-151\) - Amend On-Site Wastewater Laws/Misc. TC](#)

See summary under Administrative Law.

[House Bill 325 \(SL 2019-159\) - Opioid Epidemic Response Act](#)

House Bill 325 removes the registration requirement for buprenorphine prescribers, decriminalizes the use of drug testing equipment, broadens the objectives of syringe exchange programs, and removes the restriction on using State funds to purchase certain supplies. This act became effective July 22, 2019.

[Senate Bill 523 \(SL 2019-169\) - Rev. Laws Clarifying & Administrative Changes](#)

See summary under Tax.

[House Bill 50 \(SL 2019-175\) - Allow Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy for TBI/PTSD](#)

See summary under Military & Veterans Law.

[House Bill 220 \(SL 2019-179\) - Insurance Technical Changes-AB](#)

See summary under Insurance Law.

[Senate Bill 302 \(SL 2019-180\) - Update ACH Svc & Care Plan/Bd of Nursing](#)

See summary under Elder & Special Needs Law.

[Senate Bill 9 \(SL 2019-183\) - Female Genital Mutilation/Clarify Prohibition](#)

Senate Bill 9 specifically prohibits the genital mutilation of a female under the age of 18 and creates related Class C felonies. This act becomes effective October 1, 2019, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

[House Bill 228 \(SL 2019-191\) - Modernize Laws Pertaining to NC Medical Board-AB](#)

Among other things, House Bill 228 modernizes the laws governing the North Carolina Medical Board ("Board") and the practice of medicine, including to: (1) authorize the Board to collect a background check fee from applicants and to remit that fee to the Department

of Public Safety; (2) create an affirmative duty for licensees to report suspected sexual misconduct, fraudulent prescribing, drug diversion, or theft to the Board; (3) require 130 weeks of medical education for a physician license; (4) increase civil penalties for practice outside the scope of various limited purpose licenses; (5) remove geographic limits on where the Board can meet and allow the Superior Court in the county where the Board is located to hear appeals of decisions not to issue a license and appeals of disciplinary action (currently, Wake County Superior Court); (6) clarify the Board's disciplinary authority; (7) authorize reasonable fees for copying medical records; (8) create a new Class C felony for sexual contact or penetration under pretext of medical treatment; (9) allow death certificates to be completed by any physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner who took reasonable efforts to determine the patient's cause of death and provides the same immunities from civil liability; and (10) remove the Board's authority to set fees by regulation and maintain fees set by regulation as of June 1, 2019. Except as otherwise provided, this act becomes effective October 1, 2019.

INSURANCE LAW

[House Bill 70 \(SL 2019-23\) - Delay NC HealthConnex for Certain Providers](#)

See summary under Health Law.

[Senate Bill 252 \(SL 2019-26\) - Dental Bill of Rights](#)

Senate Bill 252 amends the methods of claims payment for dental services, adds requirements for third party access to dental provider network contracts, and includes dental plans for purposes of coverage determinations. This act becomes effective January 1, 2020, and applies to health benefit contracts issued, renewed or amended on or after that date.

[Senate Bill 648 \(SL 2019-37\) - Support Shellfish Aquaculture](#)

See summary under Environmental, Energy, & Natural Resources Law.

[House Bill 219 \(SL 2019-57\) - NAIC Accreditation Amendments- AB](#)

House Bill 219 enacts legislative changes to North Carolina's insurance laws to comply with the National Association of Insurance Commissioners ("NAIC") and allows the North Carolina Department of Insurance to maintain its NAIC accreditation. Specifically, it: (1) clarifies the legal authority and power of the Commissioner of Insurance ("COI") to engage in the group-wide supervision of an internationally active insurance group; (2) requires insurers to establish an internal audit function that would evaluate the insurer's governance, risk management, and internal controls; and (3) enacts new legislation requiring insurers to disclose and file their corporate governance practices with the COI on or before June 1 of each calendar year, beginning in 2020. Except as otherwise provided, this act became effective June 26, 2019.

[House Bill 934 \(SL 2019-70\) - Right to Try Adult Stem Cell Treatments](#)

See summary under Health Law.

[House Bill 656 \(SL 2019-81\) - Medicaid Changes for Transformation](#)

See summary under Health Law.

[House Bill 310 \(SL 2019-85\) - Clarify Insurance Prod'r Crim. Bckgrd Check](#)

House Bill 310 exempts applicants for a limited line credit insurance producer license from the requirement to submit to a criminal history record check. The act becomes effective October 1, 2019, and applies to: (1) applications for a new limited line credit insurance producer, or (2) a renewal or continuation of a limited line credit insurance producer license received by the Commissioner of Insurance on or after that date.

[House Bill 755 \(SL 2019-128\) - Travel Insurance Amendments](#)

House Bill 755 incorporates language from the National Association of Insurance Commissioners' Travel Insurance Model Act into North Carolina's insurance laws. This act becomes effective January 1, 2020.

[House Bill 668 \(SL 2019-139\) - Various Higher Education Changes](#)

See summary under Education Law.

[House Bill 337 \(SL 2019-153\) - Change Salvage Vehicle Transfer Requirements](#)

House Bill 337 amends laws governing the transfer of salvage vehicles by removing notary requirements, permitting electronic signatures, and allowing access to DMV systems for salvage vehicle title processing. This act becomes effective October 1, 2019.

[House Bill 675 \(SL 2019-174\) - 2019 Building Code Regulatory Reform](#)

See summary under Construction Law.

[House Bill 922 \(SL 2019-176\) - Enhance Insurance Coverage/Educ. Buildings](#)

See summary under Education Law.

[House Bill 220 \(SL 2019-179\) - Insurance Technical Changes- AB](#)

House Bill 220 makes various changes to North Carolina's insurance laws, as recommended by the Department of Insurance ("DOI"), as follows: (1) incorporates model act language from the National Association of Insurance Commissioners regarding immunity for independent contractors hired by DOI to assist in delinquency proceedings; (2) makes technical and clarifying changes to consent to rate laws; (3) amends procedures for individuals to receive an expedited external review of noncertification decisions; (4) amends bail bond laws; (5) clarifies the rulemaking authority of the North Carolina Fire and Rescue Commission; (6) makes various changes to the Prepaid Health Plan Licensing Act; and (7)

makes Medicare Supplement changes. Except as otherwise provided, this act became effective July 26, 2019.

[Senate Bill 86 \(SL 2019-202\) - Small Business Health Care Act](#)

Senate Bill 86 establishes standards for association health plans (AHPs) and fully-insured Path 2 Multiple Employer Welfare Arrangements (“MEWAs”). This act also allows insurers to provide stop loss insurance to employers with 20 or more employees. Except as otherwise provided, this act becomes effective October 1, 2019, and applies to contracts entered into, amended, or renewed on or after January 1, 2020.

Section 7, requiring the North Carolina Department of Insurance (“DOI”) to study seeking a waiver under the Affordable Care Act, is effective when a final judicial order striking down the United States Department of Labor rule (permitting Path 2 MEWAs) is issued. Once effective, DOI has 90 days to report its findings and recommendations to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW

[Senate Bill 384 \(SL 2019-125\) - Clarify Motor Vehicle Dealer Laws](#)

See summary under Business Law.

JUVENILE JUSTICE & CHILDREN’S RIGHTS

[House Bill 301 \(SL 2019-33\) - CIP Revisions/Juvenile Code](#)

House Bill 301 makes numerous revisions to the Juvenile Code as recommended by the Juvenile Code Revision Subcommittee of the North Carolina Court Improvement Program.

First, the bill expands the definition of “responsible individual” to include anyone responsible for subjecting a juvenile to human trafficking, involuntary servitude, or sexual servitude. The bill clarifies that a person identified by the Director of Social Services (“Director”) as a responsible individual is not eligible for judicial review if the individual is criminally-convicted of an offense related to the determination or if the person does not file the petition with the district court in a timely manner. The bill also provides for procedures to be followed when there is an automatic stay of actions relating to custody of a child when a petition alleging abuse, neglect, or dependency is filed, and it allows the Director up to 15 days to attempt personal service upon identifying a responsible individual before using other notice methods.

House Bill 301 allows investigating law enforcement officers to attend closed juvenile hearings and clarifies the rules regarding the admission of certain hearsay evidence. In addition, it amends the law on appointment of guardians and dispositional alternatives,

providing that giving a juvenile a stable placement for six consecutive months is evidence of adequate resources. It also adds serious emotional damage as to remove a child.

The bill clarifies the following: (1) a court may not terminate parental rights while simultaneously holding a dispositional hearing for another child, and that a permanency planning hearing must be held if reunification efforts are ceased at the dispositional hearing; (2) the Director's authority regarding visitation determinations, and requires a motion for review and request for hearing be filed within 30 days if the Director suspends any of the visitation plan; (3) hearing procedures; (4) procedural requirements for concurrent planning; (5) who may attend post-termination of parental right placement review hearings; (6) the role of a parent's attorney in an abuse, neglect, and dependency proceeding when there is a relinquishment of parental rights; and (7) the route of appeals.

Lastly, the bill allows: (1) an appointed attorney representing a parent in a delinquency hearing to also represent the parent in review and planning hearings; and (2) allows a juvenile's appointed guardian *ad litem* attorney to share confidential information about the juvenile with the juvenile's attorney in a delinquency proceeding.

This act becomes effective October 1, 2019.

[Senate Bill 151 \(SL 2019-40\) - Break or Enter Pharmacy/Increase Penalty](#)

See summary under Criminal Justice.

[House Bill 617 \(SL 2019-41\) - Allow Repeat Referral to Teen Court](#)

House Bill 617 allows a juvenile to be referred to a teen court program more than once by removing the prohibition on referring a juvenile to a teen court program if they have previously been referred. This act became effective June 21, 2019.

[House Bill 415 \(SL 2019-47\) - Photos of Juveniles/Show-Ups](#)

House Bill 415 creates an exception in the law governing non-testimonial identification procedures for juveniles to allow a photograph to be taken of a juvenile suspected in committing a crime at the time of a show-up and establishes procedures to be followed for this exception. This act became effective June 26, 2019.

[Senate Bill 148 \(SL 2019-48\) - Public Records/Release of LEO Recordings](#)

See summary under Criminal Justice.

[Senate Bill 556 \(SL 2019-76\) - GSC People First Language 2019](#)

See summary under Elder & Special Needs Law.

[House Bill 474 \(SL 2019-83\) – Death By Distribution](#)

See summary under Criminal Justice.

[House Bill 747 \(SL 2019-90\) - NC Missing Person Information Sharing](#)

House Bill 747 requires law enforcement agencies to enter missing children or persons', or unidentified persons', information into the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System ("NamUS") after thirty days have passed and the person has not been found or identified. This act becomes effective October 1, 2019.

[Senate Bill 29 \(SL 2019-157\) - Move Over Law/Increase Penalties/Amber Lights](#)

See summary under Criminal Justice.

[House Bill 198 \(SL 2019-158\) - Human Trafficking Commission Recommendations-AB](#)

See summary under Criminal Justice.

[House Bill 108 \(SL 2019-171\) - PED/Safekeeper Health Care Cost Recov. Pract.](#)

See summary under Criminal Justice.

[House Bill 469 \(SL 2019-172\) - Various Family Law Changes](#)

See summary under Family Law.

[Senate Bill 9 \(SL 2019-183\) - Female Genital Mutilation/Clarify Prohibition](#)

See summary under Health Law.

[Senate Bill 413 \(SL 2019-186\) - Raise the Age Modifications](#)

Senate Bill 413 modifies numerous juvenile delinquency and juvenile justice statutes to facilitate implementation of the legislation known as "Raise the Age." This act becomes effective December 1, 2019, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

LABOR & EMPLOYMENT

[Senate Bill 127 \(SL 2019-80\) - Protect Governmental Accountability](#)

See summary under Government & Public Sector.

[House Bill 924 \(SL 2019-82\) - Teacher Contract Changes](#)

See summary under Education Law.

[House Bill 770 \(SL 2019-91\) - Freedom to Work/OLB Reform](#)

See summary under Administrative Law.

[Senate Bill 399 \(SL 2019-110\) - Rehire High-Need Teachers](#)

See summary under Education Law.

LITIGATION

[Senate Bill 310 \(SL 2019-17\) - Electric Co-Op Rural Broadband Services](#)

See summary under Real Property.

[House Bill 871 \(SL 2019-92\) - Fair Contracts](#)

See summary under Construction Law.

[Senate Bill 508 \(SL 2019-147\) - Civil Procedure/Deponent Declaration](#)

Senate Bill 508 clarifies: (1) a deponent who lacks government identification necessary to be put under oath may testify upon signing a declaration stating the testimony is given under penalty of perjury, (2) a declaration signed by a deponent under this section has the same effect as an affirmation under G.S. 14-209, and (3) the items required to be in a deponent's declaration. The deponent's declaration be attached to the deposition transcript as an exhibit, and the bill specifies that preparing a transcript under this section does not constitute the unauthorized practice of law. Modernizing and stylistic changes were also made to G.S. 1A-1, Rule 30. This act becomes effective October 1, 2019, and applies to depositions taken on or after that date.

[House Bill 198 \(SL 2019-158\) - Human Trafficking Commission Recommendations-AB](#)

See summary under Criminal Justice.

[Senate Bill 420 \(SL 2019-161\) - NC Servicemembers Civil Relief Act](#)

See summary under Military & Veterans Law.

[Senate Bill 332 \(SL 2019-164\) - Civil Procedure/Limitations/Land Surveyors](#)

See summary under Construction Law.

[House Bill 228 \(SL 2019-191\) - Modernize Laws Pertaining to NC Medical Board-AB](#)

See summary under Health Law.

MILITARY & VETERANS LAW

[Senate Bill 448 \(SL 2019-38\) - Amend Appt for Compact on Education/Military](#)

Senate Bill 448 removes the requirement that the compact commissioner be a licensed North Carolina attorney who represents at least one local board of education or an attorney familiar with military issues. Instead, the Governor is required to appoint an individual who

represents at least one local board of education with a high concentration of military children. This act became effective June 21, 2019.

[Senate Bill 225 \(SL 2019-68\) - Repeal Tuition Surcharge](#)

See summary under Education Law.

[Senate Bill 219 \(SL 2019-71\) - Modify Teacher Licensing Requirements](#)

See summary under Education Law.

[Senate Bill 420 \(SL 2019-161\) - NC Servicemembers Civil Relief Act](#)

Senate Bill 420 enacts the North Carolina Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to provide protections during certain civil proceedings and transactions for a servicemember engaged in military service and, in some instances, the servicemember's dependents. The bill also clarifies the right of a member of the North Carolina National Guard to take leave without pay from the member's civilian employment when called into service of the State by the Governor. Except as otherwise provided, this act became effective July 25, 2019.

[House Bill 469 \(SL 2019-172\) - Various Family Law Changes](#)

See summary under Family Law.

[House Bill 50 \(SL 2019-175\) - Allow Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy for TBI/PTSD](#)

House Bill 50 enacts the North Carolina Veterans Traumatic Brain Injury and Posttraumatic Stress Disorder Treatment and Recovery Act of 2019. It allows a veteran residing in North Carolina and diagnosed with traumatic brain injury or posttraumatic stress disorder by an authorized medical professional to receive hyperbaric oxygen therapy treatment in the State. This act becomes effective October 1, 2019.

[Senate Bill 230 \(SL 2019-201\) - NC Military and Veteran Act of 2019](#)

Senate Bill 230 does all of the following: (1) provides for a minimum of 2 days per academic year for excused absences related to a parent or legal guardian's service in a combat zone; (2) requires the Program Evaluation Division to study the extent to which the provisions of G.S. 93B-15.1 have improved the ability of military-trained applicants and military spouses to become licensed by occupational licensing boards in the State; (3) requires the Department of Social Services to collect information regarding the caretaker's military affiliation in the course of an abuse, neglect, or dependency assessment and, if evidence of abuse is found, requires the Director to report the abuse to the appropriate military agency; (4) expands the definition of "child" for the purposes of determining college scholarship eligibility for children of North Carolina war veterans; (5) requires the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs to report certain scholarship data to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government by March 30, 2020; and (6) allows certain

military veterans and other individuals to be charged the in-State tuition rate, regardless of the 12-month residency requirement. This act became effective August 23, 2019.

[Senate Bill 600 \(SL 2019-214\) - Vets Children/Short-Term Workforce Training](#)

Senate Bill 600 allows children of wartime veterans receiving a Class I-A, I-B, or IV to use those funds to cover the cost of short-term workforce training courses leading to industry credentials. This bill also modifies the Public Safety Answering Point laws. Except as otherwise provided, this act became effective September 4, 2019.

PRIVACY & DATA SECURITY

[Senate Bill 148 \(SL 2019-48\) - Public Records/Release of LEO Recordings](#)

See summary under Criminal Justice.

[House Bill 220 \(SL 2019-179\) - Insurance Technical Changes](#)

See summary under Insurance Law.

[House Bill 724 \(SL 2019-188\) - Truth in Caller ID Act](#)

House Bill 724 regulates telephone solicitations made through text communications and prohibits a telephone solicitor from misrepresenting the origin of the call by transmitting misleading information to users of caller identification technologies. This act becomes effective December 1, 2019.

[House Bill 217 \(SL 2019-200\) - DIT Changes-AB](#)

House Bill 217 makes various technical changes to laws related to the Department of Information Technology, amends the laws relating to state agency cybersecurity, and amends the laws relating to emergency telephone service and the 911 Board. Except as otherwise provided, this act became effective August 21, 2019.

REAL PROPERTY

[Senate Bill 605 \(SL 2019-15\) - Highway Storm Recovery Act](#)

See Summary under Government & Public Sector.

[Senate Bill 310 \(SL 2019-17\) - Electric Co-Op Rural Broadband Services](#)

Senate Bill 310 does all of the following: (1) eliminates certain restrictions on the formation and operation of separate business entities by Electric Membership Corporations (“EMCs”) that provide or support high speed broadband services; (2) provides that the terms of any easement held or otherwise used by an EMC for the purpose of electricity may be expanded to allow use by the EMC, or a subsidiary of the EMC, for the purpose of supplying high-speed broadband service; (3) prohibits class action suits against an EMC, or a wholly-owned

subsidiary of the EMC, in a trespass or inverse condemnation suit based on a claim of expanded use of an easement; and (4) establishes a measure of damages to be paid to a landowner, if, in a suit for trespass or inverse condemnation based on a claim of expanded use of an easement, the landowner prevails over an EMC or its wholly-owned subsidiary. This act became effective May 30, 2019, and applies to all claims filed on or after that date.

[House Bill 531 \(SL 2019-53\) - Protect. Tenants at Foreclosure Act Restored](#)

House Bill 531 makes changes to reflect the restoration of the federal Protecting Tenants at Foreclosure Act and deletes those provisions of State law that were enacted to provide substantially-similar protection to tenants occupying foreclosed property after the federal act sunsetted. This act becomes effective October 1, 2019, and applies to petitions filed on or after that date.

[House Bill 432 \(SL 2019-56\) - Water/Sewer to Contiguous Dwelling Units](#)

House Bill 432 amends G.S. 62-110. Under this rule, the Utilities Commission can adopt procedures that allow a lessor to charge for the costs of providing water or sewer services to occupants. Currently, lessors charge tenants a rate based on a metered consumption. This bill would allow a lessor to pass through and charge the tenants of a contiguous dwelling unit a flat rate set by the Utilities Commission for water or sewer services if the Utilities Commission approves a flat rate for that service. This act became effective June 26, 2019.

[Senate Bill 483 \(SL 2019-73\) - Vacation Rental Act Changes](#)

Senate Bill 483 provides that the existing statutes authorizing local governments to perform periodic inspections for hazardous and unlawful conditions, and limiting local governments' ability to regulate residential real property, apply to properties covered by the Vacation Rental Act. This act became effective July 1, 2019.

[House Bill 871 \(SL 2019-92\) - Fair Contracts](#)

See summary under Construction Law.

[Senate Bill 394 \(SL 2019-113\) - Changes to Estates & Trusts Statutes](#)

See summary under Estate Planning & Fiduciary Law.

[Senate Bill 594 \(SL 2019-117\) - Register of Deeds Updates](#)

See summary under Business Law.

[House Bill 492 \(SL 2019-123\) - Simplify Builder Inventory Exclusion](#)

See summary under Construction Law.

[Senate Bill 462 \(SL 2019-146\) - Modifications to NC Appraisal Board](#)

Senate Bill 462 replaces education, experience, and examination requirements for registration, licensure, and certification of real estate appraisers with those required by the Appraisal Foundation Appraiser Qualifications Board (“Board”).

Section 3 of the bill allows the Board to collect fees from NC registered, and federally-regulated, appraisal management companies to render the Board eligible to perform services in connection with federally-related transactions. It also allows the Board to collect a fee from these companies to be placed on the Appraisal Management Company National Registry.

Sections 1, 2 and 3 of this act become effective October 1, 2019, and apply to registrations, licensures, and certifications issued after that date. The remainder of this act became effective July 22, 2019, and applies to Job Capital Management Fund agreements (pursuant to Section 6) entered on or after that date.

[House Bill 620 \(SL 2019-156\) - Street Database/Manual/Public Record Except](#)

See summary under Government & Public Sector.

[Senate Bill 420 \(SL 2019-161\) - NC Servicemembers Civil Relief Act](#)

See summary under Military & Veterans Law.

[Senate Bill 332 \(SL 2019-164\) - Civil Procedure/Limitations/Land Surveyors](#)

See summary under Construction Law.

[Senate Bill 523 \(SL 2019-169\) - Rev. Laws Clarifying & Administrative Changes](#)

See summary under Tax.

[House Bill 628 \(SL 2019-173\) - 2019 Banking & Mortgage Corrections & Changes](#)

See summary under Business Law.

[House Bill 872 \(SL 2019-189\) - Underground Utility Safety Act/Changes](#)

See summary under Construction Law.

SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT LAW

[Senate Bill 11 \(SL 2019-49\) - ABC Regulation & Reform](#)

See summary under Administrative Law.

[Senate Bill 154 \(SL 2019-163\) - Allow Sports/Horse Race Wagering Tribal Lands](#)

Senate Bill 154 adds sports and horse race wagering to the list of “Class III” games which may be lawfully conducted on Indian lands. The bill also defines “Sports wagering” and “Horse race wagering” as follows:

“(1) Sports wagering: the placing of wagers on the outcome of professional and collegiate sports contest...”; and

“(2) Horse race wagering: fixed odds or parimutuel wagering on thoroughbred, harness, or other racing of horses, including simulcasting and off-track betting....”¹

This act became effective July 26, 2019.

[Senate Bill 290 \(SL 2019-182\) - ABC Regulatory Reform Bill](#)

See summary under Administrative Law.

[Senate Bill 353 \(SL 2019-215\) - Amend Cartway Path/Septic Tank Laws](#)

See summary under Construction Law.

TAX

[Senate Bill 56 \(SL 2019-6\) - Revenue Laws Technical Changes](#)

Senate Bill 56 makes various technical changes to revenues laws, as recommended by the Department of Revenue, including an Internal Revenue Code update and amendments to the statutes on corporate income tax, personal income tax, excise tax, and sales tax. Except as otherwise provided, this act became effective March 20, 2019.

[House Bill 537 \(SL 2019-69\) - Alt. Hwy Use Tax Vehicle Subscriptions](#)

House Bill 537 defines “vehicle subscription” for purposes of the application of the alternate highway use tax and sets the tax rate at 5%, which would be applied to the gross receipts derived from vehicle subscriptions. These subscriptions are currently considered short-term rentals through an interpretation of the Department of Revenue, which are subject to a rate of 8%. This act becomes effective October 1, 2019, and applies to vehicle subscription agreements entered into on or after that date.

[House Bill 492 \(SL 2019-123\) - Simplify Builder Inventory Exclusion](#)

See summary under Construction Law.

[Senate Bill 523 \(SL 2019-169\) - Rev. Laws Clarifying & Administrative Changes](#)

Senate Bill 523 makes various technical, clarifying, and administrative changes, most of which were recommended by the Department of Revenue, and include the following

¹ See N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 14-292.2(e)(3)-(4).

categories: sales and use tax, tobacco excise tax, business tax, personal income tax, tax compliance, and general tax administration. Except as otherwise provided, this act became effective July 26, 2019.

[Senate Bill 498 \(SL 2019-187\) - Facilitate Response to Disasters](#)

Senate Bill 498 helps facilitate and expedite recovery after a natural disaster by providing tax and regulatory relief for nonresident businesses and employees performing disaster-related work during a disaster response period at the request of a public utility or a public communications provider. It further allows the Secretary of Revenue to issue a temporary license to an importer, exporter, distributor, or transporter of motor fuel in response to a disaster declaration. This act became effective August 1, 2019, and applies to disaster declarations on or after that date.

WORKERS COMPENSATION

[Senate Bill 508 \(SL 2019-147\) - Civil Procedure/Deponent Declaration](#)

See summary under Litigation.

[House Bill 228 \(SL 2019-191\) - Modernize Laws Pertaining to NC Medical Board-AB](#)

See summary under Health Law.

ZONING, PLANNING, AND LAND USE

[House Bill 131 \(SL 2019-35\) - Repeal Map Act](#)

See summary under Government & Public Sector.

[House Bill 531 \(SL 2019-53\) – Protect. Tenants at Foreclosure Act Restored](#)

See summary under Real Property.

[House Bill 724 \(SL 2019-188\) - Truth in Caller ID Act](#)

See summary under Privacy & Data Security.

[Senate Bill 483 \(SL 2019-73\) - Vacation Rental Act Changes](#)

See summary under Real Property.

[Senate Bill 313 \(SL 2019-79\) - Perf. Guar. To Streamline Afford. Housing](#)

Senate Bill 313 makes various changes to State law concerning performance guarantees for the successful completion of required improvements. Specifically, the bill reduces the costs to aid housing affordability and streamlines the performance guarantee process between developers and local governments. This act became effective July 4, 2019, and applies to performance guarantees issued on or after that date.

[House Bill 812 \(SL 2019-86\) - Nutrient Offset Amendments](#)

See summary under Environment, Energy & Natural Resources Law.

[House Bill 871 \(SL 2019-92\) - Fair Contracts](#)

See summary under Construction Law.

[Senate Bill 355 \(SL 2019-111\) - Land-Use Regulatory Changes](#)

Senate Bill 355 makes various changes to the land-use regulatory laws of the State by reorganizing and consolidating statutes governing the regulation of land-use planning and development by cities and counties. Part I contains changes to permit choice, vested rights, down zoning, and challenges to land regulation decisions. Part II repeals Article 18 of Chapter 153A and Article 19 of Chapter 160A, and replaces them with a new Chapter 160D that governs all local planning and development regulation, as recommended by the North Carolina Bar Association Zoning, Planning, & Land Use Section. Part I became effective June 28, 2019, and Part II becomes effective January 1, 2021.

[Senate Bill 594 \(SL 2019-117\) - Register of Deeds Updates](#)

See summary under Business Law.

[Senate Bill 220 \(SL 2019-119\) - Removal of Political Signs by Citizens](#)

See summary under Constitutional Rights & Responsibilities.

[House Bill 495 \(SL 2019-131\) - No Municipal Reg/Off-site Wastewater Systems](#)

See summary under Government & Public Sector.

[Senate Bill 316 \(SL 2019-144\) - Affordable Housing](#)

See summary under Government & Public Sector.

[House Bill 620 \(SL 2019-156\) - Street Database/Manual/Public Record Except](#)

See summary under Government & Public Sector.

[Senate Bill 332 \(SL 2019-164\) - Civil Procedure/Limitations/Land Surveyors](#)

See summary under Construction Law.

[House Bill 675 \(SL 2019-174\) - 2019 Building Code Regulatory Reform](#)

See summary under Construction Law.