

# Legislative Bulletin

## **A Summary of New Laws 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 passed from April 2024 through December 2024. These bills either were tracked by sections and committees of the NCBA or were independently tracked by the Team during the 2024 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. Finally, we note that the Government Affairs Team relied heavily on information available on the General Assembly's website, including bill summaries drafted by legislative staff, in the compilation of this document.

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# North Carolina General Assembly Short Session Demographics & Statistics

<b>House of Representatives</b>	<b>Senate</b>
<b>120 Members (72 Republicans, 48 Democrats)</b>	<b>50 Members (30 Republicans, 20 Democrats)</b>
<b>Leadership:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Speaker:</b> Tim Moore (R)*</li> <li>• <b>Speaker Pro Tempore:</b> Rep. Sarah Stevens (R)*</li> <li>• <b>Majority Leaders:</b> Rep. John Bell (R)*</li> <li>• <b>Democratic Leader:</b> Rep. Robert T. Reives, II (D)</li> </ul>	<b>Leadership:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>President:</b> Lt. Governor Mark Robinson (R)</li> <li>• <b>President Pro Tempore:</b> Sen. Phil Berger (R)*</li> <li>• <b>Majority Leader:</b> Sen. Paul Newton (R)*</li> <li>• <b>Democratic Leader:</b> Sen. Dan Blue (D)*</li> </ul>

\* = Lawyer Legislator

- **2024 Short Session convened April 24, 2024, and adjourned December 13, 2024.**
- **2,003 bills and resolutions filed in the 2023-2024 session to date.**
  - **House of Representatives: 1082 bills**
  - **Senate: 921 bills**
- **58 laws enacted during the short session.**
- **29 vetoes in the biennium. All of the vetoes were overridden.**

# LAWYER-LEGISLATORS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



**Rep. Vernetta Alston  
(D)  
House Freshman  
Caucus Co-Chair  
District 29  
Durham**

**APPROPRIATIONS;  
APPROPRIATIONS - HEALTH  
& HUMAN SERVICES;  
FEDERAL RELATIONS AND  
AMERICAN INDIAN AFFAIRS;  
JUDICIARY 4;  
TRANSPORTATION**



**Rep. Hugh Blackwell  
(R)  
District 86  
Burke  
EDUCATION K-12,  
CHAIR JUDICIARY 4,  
CHAIR**

**APPROPRIATIONS;  
APPROPRIATIONS - HEALTH  
AND HUMAN SERVICES;  
EDUCATION - COMMUNITY  
COLLEGES; EDUCATION - K-  
12; ELECTION LAW AND  
CAMPAIGN FINANCE  
REFORM; HEALTH;  
TRANSPORTATION**



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Guilford**



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Caucus Co-Chair  
District 92  
Mecklenburg**

**APPROPRIATIONS;  
APPROPRIATIONS -  
AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL  
AND ECONOMIC  
RESOURCES; ENERGY AND  
PUBLIC UTILITIES;  
JUDICIARY 3; REGULATORY  
REFORM**



**Rep. Allen Buansi (D)  
District 56  
Orange**

**APPROPRIATIONS;  
APPROPRIATIONS - HEALTH  
& HUMAN SERVICES;  
EDUCATION - UNIVERSITIES;  
ELECTION LAW AND  
CAMPAIGN FINANCE  
REFORM; HEALTH FEDERAL  
RELATIONS AND HOUSE  
SELECT COMMITTEE ON  
HOMEOWNERS'  
ASSOCIATIONS**



**Rep. Laura Budd (D)  
District 103  
Mecklenburg**

**APPROPRIATIONS;  
APPROPRIATIONS-  
INFORMATION  
TECHNOLOGY; EDUCATION -  
K-12; HOUSE SELECT  
COMMITTEE ON  
HOMEOWNERS'  
ASSOCIATIONS; JUDICIARY  
2; UNC BOARD OF  
GOVERNORS  
NOMINATIONS**

# House of Representatives



**Rep. Deb Butler (D)  
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New Hanover**

**BANKING; COMMERCE;  
FINANCE; JUDICIARY 2;  
REGULATORY REFORM;  
UNEMPLOYMENT  
INSURANCE**



**Rep. Ted Davis, Jr. (R)  
District 20  
New Hanover**

**JUDICIARY 1, CHAIR HOUSE  
SELECT COMMITTEE ON  
STRATEGIC  
TRANSPORTATION  
PLANNING AND LONG-TERM  
SOLUTIONS, VICE CHAIR  
UNC BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
NOMINATIONS, VICE CHAIR  
APPROPRIATIONS;  
APPROPRIATIONS – JUSTICE  
AND PUBLIC SAFETY;  
EDUCATION – UNIVERSITIES;  
ELECTION LAW AND  
CAMPAIGN FINANCE  
REFORM; ENVIRONMENT;  
RULES**



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Wake**

**AGRICULTURE; BANKING;  
COMMERCE; FINANCE;  
JUDICIARY 4**



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District 87  
Caldwell, Watauga**

**REDISTRICTING, CHAIR  
RULES, CHAIR  
  
ENERGY AND PUBLIC  
UTILITIES; FINANCE; UNC  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
NOMINATIONS;  
UNEMPLOYMENT  
INSURANCE**



**Rep. Pricey Harrison  
(D) District 61 Guilford**

**ENVIRONMENT, VICE CHAIR  
APPROPRIATIONS;  
APPROPRIATIONS –  
AGRICULTURE; ELECTION  
LAW AND CAMPAIGN  
FINANCE REFORM; ENERGY  
& PUBLIC UTILITIES;  
JUDICIARY 1; MARINE  
RESOURCES AND  
AQUACULTURE;  
REDISTRICTING**



**Rep. Joe John (D)  
District 40  
Wake**

**APPROPRIATIONS;  
APPROPRIATIONS –  
JUSTICE AND PUBLIC  
SAFETY; FAMILIES,  
CHILDREN, AND AGING  
POLICY; JUDICIARY 2;  
TRANSPORTATION**

# House of Representatives



**Rep. Abe Jones (D)**  
**District 38**  
**Wake**

**APPROPRIATIONS;  
APPROPRIATIONS - JUSTICE  
AND PUBLIC SAFETY; HOUSE  
SELECT COMMITTEE ON  
STRATEGIC  
TRANSPORTATION;  
JUDICIARY 1; REGULATORY  
REFORM; UNC BOARD OF  
GOVERNORS NOMINATIONS;  
WILDLIFE RESOURCES**



**Rep. Ya Liu (D)**  
**District 21**  
**Wake**

**HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE  
ON HOMEOWNERS'  
ASSOCIATIONS, VICE CHAIR**

**APPROPRIATIONS;  
APPROPRIATIONS - HEALTH  
AND HUMAN SERVICES;  
BANKING; FAMILIES,  
CHILDREN, AND AGING  
POLICY; HEALTH**



**Rep. Brandon Lofton  
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**Mecklenburg**

**AGRICULTURE; COMMERCE;  
FINANCE; JUDICIARY 4;  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT**



**Rep. Tim Longest (D)**  
**District 34**  
**Wake**

**DISASTER RECOVERY AND  
HOMELAND SECURITY;  
EDUCATION - UNIVERSITIES;  
FINANCE; MARINE  
RESOURCES AND  
AQUACULTURE;  
UNEMPLOYMENT  
INSURANCE**



**Rep. Grey Mills (R)**  
**District 95**  
**Iredell**

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE  
CONTROL, CHAIR; ELECTION  
LAW AND CAMPAIGN  
FINANCE REFORM, CHAIR  
JUDICIARY 1, VICE CHAIR**

**APPROPRIATIONS;  
APPROPRIATIONS - HEALTH  
AND HUMAN SERVICES;  
EDUCATION - UNIVERSITIES;  
REDISTRICTING; RULES**



**Rep. Tim Moore (R)**  
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**District 111**  
**Cleveland**

# House of Representatives



**Rep. Marcia Morey (D)**  
**District 30**  
**Durham**

**APPROPRIATIONS;  
APPROPRIATIONS - JUSTICE  
AND PUBLIC SAFETY;  
EDUCATION - UNIVERSITIES;  
FAMILIES, CHILDREN, AND  
AGING POLICY; JUDICIARY 2;  
TRANSPORTATION**



**Rep. Robert Reives, II**  
**(D)**  
**House Democratic**  
**Leader**  
**District 54**

**AGRICULTURE;  
APPROPRIATIONS;  
APPROPRIATIONS - JUSTICE  
AND PUBLIC SAFETY;  
JUDICIARY 2;  
REDISTRICTING; RULES**



**Rep. Charles Smith (D)**  
**District 44**  
**Cumberland**

**APPROPRIATIONS;  
APPROPRIATIONS -  
GENERAL GOVERNMENT;  
FAMILIES, CHILDREN, AND  
AGING POLICY; MILITARY  
AND VETERANS AFFAIRS;  
STATE GOVERNMENT;  
WILDLIFE RESOURCES**



**Rep. Sarah Stevens (R)**  
**Speaker Pro Tempore**  
**District 90**  
**Alleghany, Surry,  
Stokes**

**JUDICIARY 2, CHAIR;  
REDISTRICTING, VICE CHAIR**  
  
**APPROPRIATIONS;  
APPROPRIATIONS -  
CAPITAL; REGULATORY  
REFORM**



**Rep. Julie von Haefen**  
**(D) District 36**  
**Wake**

**APPROPRIATIONS;  
APPROPRIATIONS -  
GENERAL GOVERNMENT;  
HOMELAND SECURITY,  
MILITARY, AND VETERANS  
AFFAIRS; LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT; STATE  
GOVERNMENT**



# SENATE

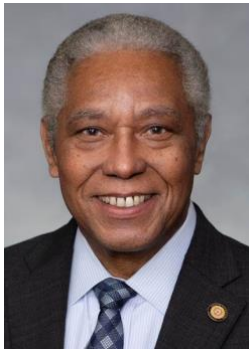


**Sen. Sydney Batch (D)**  
**District 17**  
**Wake**

APPROPRIATIONS –  
EDUCATION/HIGHER  
EDUCATION; COMMERCE AND  
INSURANCE; PENSIONS AND  
RETIREMENT AND AGING;  
SELECT COMMITTEE ON  
STORM RELATED RIVER DEBRIS  
AND DAMAGE IN NORTH  
CAROLINA



**Sen. Phil Berger (R)**  
**Senate President**  
**Pro Tempore**  
**District 30**  
**Caswell,**  
**Rockingham,**  
**Stokes, Surry**



**Sen. Dan Blue (D)**  
**Senate**  
**Democratic**  
**Leader**  
**District 14**  
**Wake**

APPROPRIATIONS –  
JUSTICE AND PUBLIC  
SAFETY;  
APPROPRIATIONS/BASE  
BUDGET; FINANCE;  
JUDICIARY; REDISTRICTING  
AND ELECTIONS; RULES;  
SELECT COMMITTEE ON  
NOMINATIONS



**Sen. Mary Wills Bode (D)**  
**District 18**  
**Granville, Wake**

APPROPRIATIONS ON  
GENERAL GOVERNMENT  
AND INFORMATION  
TECHNOLOGY; PENSIONS  
AND RETIREMENT AND  
AGING; STATE AND LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT;  
TRANSPORTATION



**Sen. Danny Earl Britt Jr.**  
**(R)**  
**District 13**  
**Columbus, Robeson**

APPROPRIATIONS – JUSTICE  
AND PUBLIC SAFETY, CHAIR  
JUDICIARY, CHAIR  
SELECT COMMITTEE ON  
STORM RELATED RIVER  
DEBRIS AND DAMAGE, CHAIR  
TRANSPORTATION, CHAIR  
APPROPRIATIONS/BASE  
BUDGET; COMMERCE AND  
INSURANCE; FINANCE;  
HEALTH CARE; SELECT  
COMMITTEE ON PRISON  
SAFETY



**Sen. Jay Chaudhuri (D)**  
**Senate Democratic Whip**  
**District 15**  
**Wake**

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

# SENATE



**Sen. Warren Daniel (R)**  
**District 46**  
**Avery, Burke, Caldwell**

**APPROPRIATIONS – JUSTICE  
AND PUBLIC SAFETY, CHAIR  
FINANCE, CHAIR  
REDISTRICTING AND  
ELECTIONS, CHAIR**

**APPROPRIATIONS/BASE  
BUDGET; JUDICIARY; RULES;  
SELECT COMMITTEE ON  
PRISON SAFETY;  
TRANSPORTATION**



**Sen. Amy Galey (R)**  
**District 24**  
**Alamance, Guilford**

**APPROPRIATIONS – JUSTICE  
AND PUBLIC SAFETY;  
EDUCATION/HIGHER  
EDUCATION; JUDICIARY;  
STATE AND LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT**



**Sen. Lisa Grafstein (D)**  
**District 13**  
**Wake**

**AGRICULTURE, ENERGY,  
AND ENVIRONMENT;  
APPROPRIATIONS ON  
JUSTICE AND PUBLIC  
SAFETY; JUDICIARY; STATE  
AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**



**Sen. Rachel Hunt (D)**  
**District 42**  
**Mecklenburg**

**AGRICULTURE, ENERGY, AND  
ENVIRONMENT;  
APPROPRIATIONS - ON  
GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND  
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY;  
JUDICIARY; PENSIONS AND  
RETIREMENT AND AGING**



**Sen. Michael V. Lee (R)**  
**District 9**  
**New Hanover**

**APPROPRIATIONS –  
EDUCATION/HIGHER  
EDUCATION, CHAIR  
EDUCATION/HIGHER  
EDUCATION, CHAIR**

**APPROPRIATIONS/BASE  
BUDGET; FINANCE;  
HEALTH CARE; JUDICIARY**



**Sen. Natasha Marcus (D)**  
**District 41**  
**Mecklenburg**

**APPROPRIATIONS –  
AGRICULTURE, NATURAL, AND  
ECONOMIC RESOURCES;  
APPROPRIATIONS/BASE  
BUDGET; JUDICIARY;  
REDISTRICTING AND ELECTIONS**

# SENATE



**Sen. Julie Mayfield (D)  
District 49  
Buncombe**

**APPROPRIATIONS -  
AGRICULTURE, NATURAL,  
AND ECONOMIC RESOURCES;  
SELECT COMMITTEE ON  
STORM RELATED RIVER  
DEBRIS AND DAMAGE IN NC;  
STATE AND LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT;  
TRANSPORTATION**



**Sen. Mujtaba Mohammed  
(D)  
District 38  
Mecklenburg**

**APPROPRIATIONS -  
AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENT,  
AND NATURAL RESOURCES;  
APPROPRIATIONS/BASE BUDGET;  
HEALTH CARE; JUDICIARY;  
SELECT COMMITTEE ON PRISON  
SAFETY**



**Sen. Buck Newton (R)  
District 4  
Greene, Wayne,  
Wilson**

**JUDICIARY, CHAIR  
  
AGRICULTURE, ENERGY,  
AND ENVIRONMENT;  
APPROPRIATIONS ON  
JUSTICE AND PUBLIC  
SAFETY;  
EDUCATION/HIGHER  
EDUCATION;  
TRANSPORTATION**



**Sen. Paul Newton (R)  
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**FINANCE, CHAIR  
REDISTRICTING AND  
ELECTIONS, CHAIR  
  
AGRICULTURE, ENERGY,  
AND ENVIRONMENT;  
APPROPRIATIONS -  
AGRICULTURE, NATURAL,  
AND ECONOMIC  
RESOURCES; COMMERCE  
AND INSURANCE;  
JUDICIARY; RULES**



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Gaston**

**APPROPRIATIONS ON  
EDUCATION/HIGHER  
EDUCATION; COMMERCE  
AND INSURANCE;  
EDUCATION/HIGHER  
EDUCATION; JUDICIARY;  
PENSIONS AND  
RETIREMENT AND AGING**



**Sen. Benton G. Sawrey (R)  
District 10  
Johnston**

**APPROPRIATIONS ON HEALTH  
AND HUMAN SERVICE;  
EDUCATION/HIGHER  
EDUCATION; HEALTH CARE;  
JUDICIARY; STATE AND LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT**

## **ADMINISTRATIVE LAW**

### **[House Bill 223 \(SL 2024-23\)](#): OSHR/Various SHRA Changes.**

See summary under Government & Public Sector.

### **[Senate Bill 790 \(SL 2024-25\)](#): State Bar Review Committee Recommendations.**

See summary under General Interest.

### **[Senate Bill 527 \(SL 2024-41\)](#): ABC Omnibus 2023-24.**

Senate Bill 257, among other things, excludes ready-to-drink cocktails from the mixed beverage charge, allows certain individuals in the ABC system to sample products, raises the cap on point-of-sale advertising materials, product displays and coolers, allows to-go and delivery sales of mixed beverages and wine by the glass, makes several changes related to mixed beverage permittees, allows local boards to sell products below the distiller's price, amends the transition period for ABC permittee ownership, establishes a malt beverage shop permit and a mobile bar services permit, adds two members to the ABC Commission, caps the tax on certain purchases, and allows the sale of beer and wine at community college sporting events.

Except as otherwise provided, this act became effective when it became law July 8, 2024.

### **[Senate Bill 607 \(SL 2024-45\)](#): Regulatory Reform Act of 2024.**

See summary under General Interest.

### **[Senate Bill 166 \(SL 2024-49\)](#): 2024 Bldg. Code Regulatory Reform.**

See summary under Construction Law.

## **BUSINESS LAW**

### **[House Bill 199 \(SL 2024-30\)](#): DMV Proposed Legislative Changes.-AB**

See summary under Criminal Justice.

**[Senate Bill 802 \(SL 2024-44\): C-PACE Program.](#)**

See summary under Real Property.

**CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES**

**[House Bill 1074 \(SL 2024-18\): Constitutional Amendment/Citizens-Only Voting.](#)**

House Bill 1074 places an amendment to the North Carolina Constitution revising the language regarding citizenship and the eligibility to vote on the November 5, 2024, ballot. If approved by the voters in that election, the amendment to the North Carolina Constitution will become effective upon certification of the results of the referendum.

Except as otherwise provided, this act became effective when it became law June 28, 2024.

**[House Bill 942 \(SL 2024-27\): SHALOM Act.](#)**

House Bill 942 adopts a definition of antisemitism as a tool and guide for recognizing, combating, tracking, and reporting antisemitic incidents in North Carolina and informing related training and education.

Except as otherwise provided, this act became effective when it became law July 1, 2024.

**[Senate Bill 921 \(SL 2024-58\): Const. Am./Require Photo ID for All Voters.](#)**

Senate Bill 921 places an amendment to the North Carolina Constitution revising the language regarding the requirement to present photo identification prior to voting on the November 3, 2026 ballot.

Except as otherwise provided, this act became effective when it became law December 13, 2024.

## **CONSTRUCTION LAW**

### **[House Bill 198 \(SL 2024-15\): DOT Legislative Changes.-AB](#)**

House Bill 198 makes changes to transportation laws as recommended by the Department of Transportation involving the following topics, among others: Progressive Design-Build pilot program, an exemption for certain public building contracts, material substitution requirements, extension of expiration date of Build NC Bond Act to December 31, 2031, Build NC bond cash balance and consultation requirements, VIN on unpaid toll bills, ferry priority boarding, outdoor advertising law regarding vegetation cutting or removal, and unmanned aircraft system operation regulations.

Except as otherwise provided, this act became effective when it became law June 27, 2024.

### **[Senate Bill 166 \(SL 2024-49\): 2024 Bldg. Code Regulatory Reform.](#)**

Senate Bill 166 generally amends various development regulations, various North Carolina State Building Codes, various construction contractors and design professionals' regulations, and various environment and environmental health regulations and reorganizes the Building Code Council.

Except as otherwise provided, this act became effective when it became law September 11, 2024.

## **CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

### **[House Bill 237 \(SL 2024-16\): Various Criminal and Election Law Changes.](#)**

House Bill 237, among other things, modifies the physical health and safety of others exemption to certain laws prohibiting wearing masks; enhances punishment if a defendant was wearing a mask or other clothing or a device to conceal or attempt to conceal the defendant's identity, prohibits regulations imposing additional limitations on religious

institutions that are not applicable to businesses, nonprofit organizations, or other private entities affected by the same or similar emergency, increases the penalty for impeding a road during a demonstration or obstructing an emergency vehicle from accessing a road at any time, creates a civil liability for a demonstration organizer of a demonstration that obstructs an emergency vehicle, and amends campaign finance laws regarding Federal political committees and political organizations.

Except as otherwise provided, this act became effective when it became law June 27, 2024.

**House Bill 834 (SL 2024-17): Juvenile Justice Modifications.**

See summary under Juvenile Justice & Children's Rights.

**House Bill 495 (SL 2024-22): Revise Money Laundering/Retail Crime.**

House Bill 495 creates a state criminal offense of "money laundering" and makes certain changes to the laws related to retail theft, specifically by modifying the laws related to manipulating price tags on retail items.

This act became effective December 1, 2024, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

**House Bill 971 (SL 2024-26): Human Trafficking Changes.**

House Bill 971 does the following:

1. Directs the Department of Labor to develop human trafficking awareness training.
2. Requires certain employees and third-party contractors of lodging establishments and vacation rentals to complete human trafficking awareness training.
3. Increases the penalty for a first offense of soliciting another for prostitution.
4. Allows victims and alleged victims of human trafficking crimes to move for victim confidentiality in criminal proceedings.

5. Requires any person initiating a child custody proceeding to disclose certain criminal convictions and history of child custody proceedings.
6. Generally prohibits viewing of pornography by employees on government networks and devices, including those of public agencies, the judicial branch, and the legislative branch.
7. Directs the Division of Social Services, Department of Health and Human Services, to expand, further develop, and implement human trafficking awareness trainings.
8. Provides Criminal Justice Law Enforcement Automated Data Services (CJLEADS) access to campus police.
9. Establishes that documentation compiled by the Housing Finance Agency for the purposes of financing housing for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking are not public records.
10. Modifies the definition of victim in the Crime Victim's Compensation Act.

Except as otherwise provided, this act became effective June 28, 2024.

**Senate Bill 319 (SL 2024-29): Insurance Rev/Online Auctions/Firefighters.**

See summary under Insurance Law.

**House Bill 199 (SL 2024-30): DMV Proposed Legislative Changes.-AB**

House Bill 199 makes the following changes to laws related to motor vehicles:

1. Directs the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to study and implement a plan for issuance of a digital version of a drivers license that can be displayed on a mobile device as a supplement to a traditional drivers license and authorizes issuance of mobile drivers licenses.
2. Requires ignition interlock as a condition for restoration of a drivers license after certain revocations based on a conviction of death by motor vehicle.
3. Increases the notary fee for DMV employees and officers.



4. Clarifies circumstances under which transporter plates may be used.
5. Requires DMV to study using alternative materials for registration plates.
6. Requires DMV to study ways to modernize issuance of dealer plates.
7. Conforms statutory odometer disclosure requirement to the federal requirement.
8. Requires DMV to implement a print-on-demand system for issuance of temporary registration plates.
9. Requires all headlamps modified or installed on a motor vehicle to comply with the federal motor vehicle safety standard.
10. Increases fees for service of process upon nonresident drivers.
11. Clarifies the process by which a lienor must notify owners of personal property subject to a lien prior to selling the property to satisfy the lien.
12. Requires rental car companies, when renting light cargo vehicles, to make a good faith effort to recover as part of the rental transaction no more than the actual costs incurred for license and registration fees, in the same manner as is required when renting passenger vehicles.
13. Authorizes remote electronic notarization and electronic signatures for motor vehicle transactions.
14. Extends the duration of temporary registration plates issued by dealers from 30 to 60 days and increases from 20 to 60 the number of days within which a dealer must mail or deliver a vehicle purchaser's application and fees for titling and registration to DMV for processing.
15. Amends statutes related to commercial drivers licensing to comply with federal requirements.
16. Amends the law as it relates to DMV commission contractors.
17. Requires DMV to develop a highway work zone safety training course.
18. Makes changes to DMV requirement to contract with online motor vehicle registration vendors.
19. Amends exemptions applicable to covered farm vehicles.

20. Increases the fee for an annual oversize/overweight permit to move commodities and allows electric vehicle batteries to be transported as a nondivisible load for permitting purposes with the payment of an additional fee.
21. Repeals provisions that would have made use of L/D plates mandatory for service loaner vehicles in 2025, so they remain optional for dealers.
22. Authorizes Home of the Venus Flytrap and NC School of Sciences and Mathematics special registration plates.
23. Amends the definition of “established salesroom” to provide that a dealer is not prohibited from sharing a building with another business as long as requirements for a salesroom are met.
24. Increases the licensing period for motor vehicle dealers from one year to two years and makes other clarifying changes to the licensing statute.
25. Increases the penalty for littering.
26. Clarifies that Civilian Traffic Investigators employed by municipalities are not required to be licensed as private investigators.
27. Increases from \$8 to \$10 the maximum tax rate transportation authorities may levy for registered motor vehicles.
28. Requires the DOT to contract with a private entity to administer the logo sign program.
29. Adds clarifying language to statutes related to Turnpike Authority projects.
30. Requires the CFO of DOT to align its internal ledger and business practices with its certified budget in accordance with Government Accounting Standards Board standards.

Except as otherwise provided, this act became effective when it became law July 2, 2024.

**Senate Bill 565 (SL 2024-35): Revise Automatic Expunction.**

Senate Bill 565 revises the laws governing the automatic expunction of records and the

availability of expunged records as follows:

1. Provides that automatic expunctions will occur no fewer than 180 days and not more than 210 days after the final disposition of the charge eligible for automatic expunction.
2. Requires that expunged court records be confidential and retained by the clerks of superior court, retained electronically and made available to the clerks, and that they not be released by the clerk except to certain persons.
3. Authorizes prosecutors to have access to all confidential files of expunction.
4. Extends the period of time the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) has to complete suspended automatic expunctions to 365 days, and provides those expunctions are deemed to have occurred five business days after the expunction is carried out.

This act became effective when it became law July 8, 2024.

#### **House Bill 591 (SL 2024-37): Modernize Sex Crimes.**

House Bill 591 does the following:

1. Creates a new offense for sexual extortion and aggravated sexual extortion.
2. Modifies the offenses of first-, second-, and third-degree sexual exploitation of a minor to include material that is modified by technological means and to include child sex dolls.
3. Creates a new offense for an obscene visual representation of a minor engaging in sexual activity.
4. Modifies the offense of solicitation of a child by computer to include communications with parents of minors.
5. Makes conforming changes to the sex offender and public protection registration program statutes.
6. Makes changes to the offense of disclosure of private images to clarify that altered images violate the prohibition against disclosure of certain private images.

This act becomes effective December 1, 2024, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

**House Bill 250 (SL 2024-43): Public Safety/Other Changes.**

House Bill 250 makes revisions pertaining to death investigations under the jurisdiction of the Chief Medical Examiner, modifies certain laws related to limited driving privileges and restoration of a license after certain driving while impaired convictions, modifies the License Plate Reader Pilot Program, modifies the Rural Electrification Authority and certain fees, allows school boards to use eminent domain for easements, adds Tianeptine to the controlled substance schedules, and removes the veterans burial residency requirement.

Except as otherwise provided, this act became effective when it became law July 8, 2024.

**House Bill 155 (SL 2024-46): Titles for Off-Road Vehicles/Low-Speed Vehicle Inspections.**

House Bill 155 authorizes the Division of Motor Vehicles to issue certificates of title for all-terrain vehicles and utility vehicles; removes travel-lane based operation limitation on modified utility vehicles; and authorizes off-site safety inspections of low-speed vehicles by licensed safety inspection stations.

This act has varying effective dates.

**House Bill 10 (SL 2024-55): Require ICE Cooperation & Budget Adjustments.**

House Bill 10 requires Immigration and Customs Enforcement of the United States Department of Homeland Security (ICE) to be queried when an individual charged with certain offenses is in custody and that person's legal residency or United States citizenship status is undetermined. It also requires a judicial official to order that a prisoner subject to a detainer and administrative warrant be held in custody until ICE resolves the request or 48

hours, whichever occurs first.

Except as otherwise provided, this act became effective July 1, 2024.

## **EDUCATION LAW**

### **[House Bill 1020 \(SL 2024-8\)](#): Retirement Admin. Changes of 2024.**

See summary under Government & Public Sector.

### **[House Bill 988 \(SL 2024-9\)](#): 2024 Retirement Technical Corrections.**

See summary under Government & Public Sector.

### **[House Bill 989 \(SL 2024-10\)](#): Retirement Service Purchase Rewrite Part III.**

See summary under Government & Public Sector.

### **[Senate Bill 559 \(SL 2024-42\)](#): Charter Schools/Pension/ESOP.**

Senate Bill 559 allows four specified charter school boards of directors to elect participation in the North Carolina State Health Plan for Teachers' and State Employees' (SHP); amends the law to create additional flexibility for charter schools to elect participation in the SHP; makes conforming and effective date changes for the North Carolina Firefighters' and Rescue Squad Workers' Pension Fund; addresses parental leave for charter school employees; and clarifies the definition of an historically underutilized business as it relates to an Employee Stock Ownership Plan.

Except as otherwise provided, this act became effective when it became law July 8, 2024.

### **[House Bill 250 \(SL 2024-43\)](#): Public Safety/Other Changes.**

See summary under Criminal Justice.

## **ELDER & SPECIAL NEEDS LAW**

### **[House Bill 1020 \(SL 2024-8\): Retirement Admin. Changes of 2024.](#)**

See summary under Government & Public Sector.

### **[House Bill 988 \(SL 2024-9\): 2024 Retirement Technical Corrections.](#)**

See summary under Government & Public Sector.

### **[House Bill 989 \(SL 2024-10\): Retirement Service Purchase Rewrite Part III.](#)**

See summary under Government & Public Sector.

### **[Senate Bill 425 \(SL 2024: 34\): HHS Omnibus.](#)**

See summary under Health Law.

### **[House Bill 98 \(SL 2024-36\): Right to Try Individualized Treatments.](#)**

See summary under Health Law.

## **ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & NATURAL RESOURCES LAW**

### **[Senate Bill 355 \(SL 2024-32\): North Carolina Farm Act of 2024.](#)**

Senate Bill 355 makes various changes to the agricultural laws. These changes involve, among other things, the following topics: horse boarding, sweet potatoes, feral swine, low-hanging communication lines, shellfish, animal waste management, flood resiliency blueprint contracts, compost, new and emerging crops, prescribed burns, timber sales, regulation of beehives, stormwater fees, tax incentives for farmland preservation, fish and wildlife conservation, and military buffers, and establishment of an annual North Carolina Great State Trails Day.

Except as otherwise provided, this act became effective when it became law July 3, 2024.

**[Senate Bill 802 \(SL 2024-44\): C-PACE Program.](#)**

See summary under Real Property.

**[Senate Bill 166 \(SL 2024-49\): 2024 Bldg. Code Regulatory Reform.](#)**

See summary under Construction Law.

**ESTATE PLANNING & FIDUCIARY LAW**

**[House Bill 556 \(SL 2024-47\): Tenancy in Com./E-Notary/Small Claims Changes.](#)**

See summary under General Interest.

**FAMILY LAW**

**[House Bill 971 \(SL 2024-26\): Human Trafficking Changes.](#)**

See summary under Criminal Justice.

**GENERAL INTEREST**

**[House Bill 1074 \(SL 2024-18\): Constitutional Amendment/Citizens-Only Voting.](#)**

See summary under Constitutional Rights & Responsibilities.

**[Senate Bill 790 \(SL 2024-25\): State Bar Review Committee Recommendations.](#)**

Senate Bill 790 makes various changes to Article 4 (North Carolina State Bar) in Chapter 84 (Attorneys-At-Law) of the North Carolina General Statutes, as recommended by the State Bar Review Committee, as follows:

1. Requires the North Carolina State Bar (State Bar) to provide a copy of the complaint and supporting materials when issuing a letter of notice to a respondent attorney, when requested by the respondent attorney, and to provide certain other materials and information when recommending disciplinary action against the respondent attorney.
2. Allows a respondent attorney to address the Grievance Committee and hear the Office

of Counsel's presentation to the Grievance Committee.

3. Allows the chair of the Grievance Committee to designate a person a vexatious complainant if the complainant has initiated grievances to the State Bar warranting dismissal in a manner and volume that amounts to an "abuse of the bar disciplinary process".
4. Specifies who can file a grievance with the State Bar.
5. Requires the State Bar to adopt rules to implement an expungement process for certain disciplinary actions against respondent attorneys by the State Bar, as recommended by the State Bar Review Committee.

This act became effective August 1, 2024, and applies to grievances filed on or after that date.

**House Bill 942 (SL 2024-27): SHALOM Act.**

See summary under Constitutional Rights & Responsibilities.

**Senate Bill 303 (SL 2024-33): Various Court Changes.**

Senate Bill 303 makes various changes and technical corrections to the laws governing various aspects of the courts, including the following:

1. Clarifies clerk retention of an adoption petition does not have to be the original petition.
2. Removes the restriction that prevented filing briefs and memoranda with the clerk unless ordered by the court.
3. Establishes venue in Wake County for business court cases but retains trials in the county of origin. This provision becomes effective when the North Carolina Business Court implements an electronic filing system.
4. Authorizes clerks of court to set conditions of pretrial release under the same circumstances as magistrates. This provision becomes effective and applies to defendants arrested on or after October 1, 2024.



5. Establishes a safe babies court to hear certain juvenile abuse, neglect, and dependency matters.
6. Authorizes the Supreme Court to hold sessions in any location across the State until December 31, 2026.
7. Allows respondent's attorney and certain judges access to involuntary commitment court files and authorizes certain persons to obtain an involuntary commitment court file number for specific purposes.
8. Authorizes persons with 8 years of experience as a law enforcement officer in this State to be appointed as a magistrate.
9. Changes the number of the license plate issued to the Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts to J-99.
10. Authorizes grandparents to intervene in a child abuse, neglect, or dependency case if the parents are deceased.
11. Makes various other technical changes and corrections to statutes relating to the courts.

Except as otherwise provided, this act became effective when it became law July 8, 2024.

**Senate Bill 607 (SL 2024-45): Regulatory Reform Act of 2024.**

Senate Bill 607 amends State laws related to occupational licensing, rulemaking, State and local, and other miscellaneous regulations. These amendments include expecting certain activities from requiring licensure as a barber or cosmetologist, increasing the amount of training required for licensure by the NC Board of Massage and Bodywork Therapy, repealing the residency requirements for electrologists, amending the effective dates for rules submitted to the Codifier of Rules by the NC State Bar, Building Code Council and other exempt agencies, increasing the punishment for property crimes committed against critical infrastructure, prohibiting the acquisition of quartz mining operations and lands containing high purity quartz by foreign governments designated as adversarial by the US Department of

Commerce, prohibiting public water and sewer systems from imposing unauthorized conditions and implementing preference systems for allocating service to residential development, exempting eligible disabled veterans from state parks fees, amends statutes and rules applicable to dock, pier and walkway replacement in coastal areas, authorizes replacement of certain erosion control structures, modernizing DMV, authorizing the Rail Transportation Corridor Authority, requiring an additional means of notice to advertise property tax liens, delivering permits issued by State agencies, allowing a local government to address advanced air mobility radar, addressing reconstruction and removal of on-premises advertising signs, and requiring transparency in the sale or resale of tickets to an entertainment event.

Except as otherwise provided, this act became effective when it became law July 9, 2024.

**House Bill 556 (SL 2024-47): Tenancy in Com./E-Notary/Small Claims Changes.**

House Bill 556 codifies the law of tenancy in common in NC as recommended by the NC Bar Association, makes changes to the State's notary public laws as requested by the Department of the Secretary of State, prohibits counties and cities from adopting certain ordinances, rules, and regulations that would prohibit landlords from refusing to rent to tenants because a tenant's lawful source of income to pay rent includes funding from a Federal housing assistance program, clarifies authorized litigation costs in summary ejectment matters, and establishes the small claim appeal period beginning when a judgement is rendered.

This act has varying effective dates.

**Senate Bill 445 (SL 2024-54): Recording of Court-Filed Documents.**

Senate Bill 445 does the following:

1. Exempts any certified copy of a court-filed document from formatting requirements applicable to paper documents presented to a register of deeds for registration.

2. Begins the small claims appeal period when a judgment is rendered.
3. Requires written findings of indigency in small claims appeals.
4. Modifies criteria for plaintiff's motion to dismiss summary ejection appeal.
5. Requires the clerk to disburse certain payments made during summary ejection appeal within five days of request.
6. Increases punishment for willful and wanton damage to the residential real property of another.
7. Prohibits fraudulent rental, lease, or advertisement for sale of residential real property.

This act has varying effective dates.

**Senate Bill 382 (SL 2024-57): Disaster Relief-3/Budget/Various Law Changes.**

Senate Bill 382 modifies and provides additional appropriations for disaster recovery; makes technical, clarifying, and other modifications to the Current Operations Appropriations Act of 2023; and makes various changes to laws concerning elections, organization of State government, education, and other areas of law. Specifically, the bill enacts appropriations and makes other adjustments in education, health and human services, agriculture and natural resources and economic resources, justice and public safety, general government, capital, transportation, and finance.

Provisions in the bill include the following:

1. Allow for the conversion of time-limited eCourts technology positions into permanent positions.
2. Provide \$8.2 million to Indigent Defense Services for timely payments to private assigned counsel for indigent defendants.
3. Create two new Special Superior Court positions and repeal various Superior Court districts.
4. Validate any emergency notarization and any emergency video witnessing from July 1,

2024, performed through September 8, 2024.

5. Eliminate additional means of notice to advertise property tax liens currently required by law.
6. Transfer the State Board of Elections to the State Auditor and make other elections law changes.
7. Modify certain procedures related to appointments.
8. Modify appointment process to fill any appellate vacancy.
9. Abolish the NC Courts Commission.
10. Provide that Senior Resident Superior Court Judges serve in that capacity at the pleasure of the Chief Justice.
11. Modify the powers and duties of the Attorney General.
12. Clarify the provision of counsel to Judicial Branch officials.
13. Change appointments to the Utilities Commission.
14. Update the laws regarding MEWAs providing employee welfare benefit plans.
15. Remove the Superintendent of Public Instruction's authority to appeal decisions made by the Charter Schools Review Board to the State Board of Education.
16. Prohibit local government initiated down-zoning without consent of affected property owner.

Except as otherwise provided, this act became effective when it became law December 11, 2024.

**[Senate Bill 921 \(SL 2024-58\): Const. Am./Require Photo ID for All Voters.](#)**

See summary under Constitutional Rights & Responsibilities.

**GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC SECTOR**

**[House Bill 1020 \(SL 2024-8\): Retirement Admin. Changes of 2024.](#)**

House Bill 1020 makes the following administrative and technical changes to the Teachers'

and State Employees' Retirement System (TSERS), the Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System (LGERS), the Consolidated Judicial Retirement System (CJRS), the Legislative Retirement System (LRS) and related statutes:

1. Clarifies that participation in the optional retirement program or a similar benefit plan offered by the University of North Carolina Health Care System or the East Carolina University Health Care System, suspends the receipt of retirement allowance under TSERS.
2. Prohibits a member of TSERS, LGERS, or CJRS from receiving a retirement allowance while also receiving severance pay or a lump sum severance.
3. Modifies employer reporting requirements in TSERS and LGERS.
4. Allows for a member of LRS who has applied and been approved for retirement but dies before receiving the first payment, to have their monthly benefit payable under their elections.
5. Permits the Board of Trustees to allocate Legislative Enactment Implementation Arrangement funds for administrative or information technology purposes.
6. Allows certain part-time employees, as well as part-time and full-time employees of a State agency or institution, to contribute to the 401(k) Supplemental Retirement Income Plan.
7. Amends the required reporting dates for unclaimed property holders and allows unclaimed property holders to request a waiver of due diligence in special circumstances.

This act has various effective dates.

#### **[House Bill 988 \(SL 2024-9\): 2024 Retirement Technical Corrections.](#)**

House Bill 988 makes technical corrections to the statutes for the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System (TSERS), the Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System (LGERS), the Consolidated Judicial Retirement System (CJRS), the Legislative

Retirement System (LRS), and the State Health Plan, including the following: corrects the title of the Executive Director of the Retirement Systems Division in various statutes; corrects references to Average Final Compensation; conforms the lump sum contribution payment criteria to federal law; and makes several other technical and conforming changes.

The act became effective when it became law June 20, 2024.

**[House Bill 989 \(SL 2024-10\): Retirement Service Purchase Rewrite Part III.](#)**

House Bill 989 recodifies, consolidates, and standardizes retirement service purchase among the Teachers and State Employees' Retirement System (TSERS) (Part I), Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System (LGERS) (Part II), Consolidated Judicial Retirement System (CJRS) (Part III), and Legislative Retirement System (LRS) (Part IV). It also makes conforming changes to all four systems. This act is the last in a three-act series rewriting the service purchase statutes.

This act became effective when it became law June 20, 2024.

**[House Bill 198 \(SL 2024-15\): DOT Legislative Changes.](#)**

See summary under Construction Law.

**[House Bill 223 \(SL 2024-23\): OSHR/Various SHRA Changes.](#)**

House Bill 223 makes various technical and clarifying changes to the State Human Resources Act and related statutes and does the following:

1. Requires the State Human Resources Commission (Commission) to adopt rules or policies mandating that a closing date be posted for each job opening unless an exception for critical classifications has been approved by the Commission or through a special exception through the Office of State Human Resources.
2. Clarifies that a potential State or local government supervisor can inspect confidential

information in a personnel file to prevent application fraud.

3. Removes the requirement that job openings be filled no sooner than 21 days after listing.
4. Grants the Commission the authority to adopt temporary rules and permanent rules to allow local agencies to hire and pay trainees for local government positions that are subject to the State Human Resources Act.
5. Allows an applicant for State employment or a State employee to allege denial of National Guard preference and file for a contested case hearing after following the grievance appeal process.
6. Makes clarifications to the statutes addressing fraudulent disclosure and willful nondisclosure on an application for State employment and the laws governing the Temporary Solutions Program.
7. Permits the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to directly hire temporary employees into vacant positions if certain criteria are met and requires DHHS to report on the number and types of positions filled under this temporary authority by July 1, 2025. This section expires 180 calendar days from the date of enactment.

Except as otherwise provided, this act became effective when it became law June 28, 2024.

**[House Bill 971 \(SL 2024-26\): Human Trafficking Changes.](#)**

See summary under Criminal Justice.

**[Senate Bill 319 \(SL 2024-29\): Insurance Rev/Online Auctions/Firefighters.](#)**

See summary under Insurance Law.

**[House Bill 199 \(SL 2024-30\): DMV Proposed Legislative Changes.-AB](#)**

See summary under Criminal Justice.

**[House Bill 593 \(SL 2024-38\)](#): Various General Local Laws.**

House Bill 593 makes various changes to local laws including the election of members of a sanitary district board and allowing a sanitary district board to extend sanitary district boundaries to include all of a municipality.

Except as otherwise provided, this act became effective when it became law July 8, 2024.

**[Senate Bill 527 \(SL 2024-41\)](#): ABC Omnibus 2023-24.**

See summary under Administrative Law.

**[House Bill 556 \(SL 2024-47\)](#): Tenancy in Com./E-Notary/Small Claims Changes.**

See summary under General Interest.

**[House Bill 690 \(SL 2024-48\)](#): No Centrl Bank Digital Currency Pmts to State.**

House Bill 690 prohibits payments to the State using central bank digital currency or participation by the State in any test of central bank digital currency by any Federal Reserve branch.

This act became effective when it became law September 9, 2024.

**[House Bill 10 \(SL 2024-55\)](#): Require ICE Cooperation & Budget Adjustments.**

See summary under Criminal Justice.

**HEALTH LAW**

**[House Bill 237 \(SL 2024-16\)](#): Various Criminal and Election Law Changes.**

See summary under Criminal Justice.



**House Bill 228 (SL 2024-28): Rev. Laws Tech., Clarifying, and Admin. Chngs.**

See summary under Tax.

**Senate Bill 319 (SL 2024-29): Insurance Rev/Online Auctions/Firefighters.**

See summary under Insurance Law.

**Senate Bill 425 (SL 2024: 34): HHS Omnibus.**

Senate Bill 425 makes various changes to the laws on health and human services. These changes include clarifying the manner of service of petition and notice of hearing for disabled adults; amending the definition of “family child care home”; modernizing local health director qualifications; clarifying that a first responder to whom an infant may be surrendered must be on duty; updating guidelines for trauma-informed standardized assessments; updating the Hospital Violence Protection Act; clarifying Medicaid benefits for inmates; facilitating use of tribal health facilities; and modifying the Medical Board Review Panel criteria for recommendations.

Except as otherwise provided, this act became effective when it became law July 8, 2024.

**House Bill 98 (SL 2024-36): Right to Try Individualized Treatments.**

House Bill 98 allows eligible patients with life-threatening or severely debilitating illnesses the right to try individualized investigational drugs, biological products, and devices. The act defines the following: eligible facility; eligible patient; individualized investigational drug, biological product, or device; institution; life-threatening or severely debilitating illness; and written, informed consent.

The right to try individualized treatments became effective October 1, 2024. The remainder of the act became effective when it became law July 8, 2024.

**House Bill 250 (SL 2024-43): Public Safety/Other Changes.**

See summary under Criminal Justice.

## **INSURANCE LAW**

### **Senate Bill 124 (SL 2024-11): Predatory Roofing/Ins. Rebate Reform.**

Senate Bill 124 does the following:

1. Requires contracts for residential roof replacement or repair to have a five-business day cancellation period following an insurance claim denial for the work to be performed under the contract.
2. Allows insurers, insurance producers, or limited representatives to offer or provide products or services not specified in an insurance policy if certain conditions are met.
3. Limits the commission, fee, or other valuable consideration given for the referral of insurance business by an unlicensed individual to a licensed insurance agent or broker to \$50.00 or less in value.

This act became effective October 1, 2024. The section of this act pertaining to contracts for residential roof replacement or repair applies to contracts entered into on or after that date. The section of this act pertaining to commissions applies to any referral of insurance business made on or after that date.

### **Senate Bill 319 (SL 2024-29): Insurance Rev/Online Auctions/Firefighters.**

Senate Bill 319 makes the following changes:

1. Clarifies that risk retention groups chartered in this State are subject to examination by the Commissioner of Insurance and are responsible for the costs of the examination.
2. Reduces from 5% to 1.85% the tax rate applicable to gross premiums paid for coverages within this State to risk retention groups not chartered in this State.
3. Removes the requirement that foreign captive insurance companies redomesticate to

North Carolina before December 31, 2022, in order to qualify for the exemption from paying gross premiums taxes in the year of and after redomestication and extends by two years the expiration date of this exemption, ending it for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2026.

4. Allows certain foreclosure sales to be conducted at designated public locations, expands the time allowed for a scheduled foreclosure sale to commence, and establishes a procedure for remote bidding at a foreclosure sale.
5. Permits health benefit plan sponsors, on behalf of any enrolled individual, to consent to delivery of all plan-related documents by electronic means in compliance with the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act, if that is not otherwise prohibited under ERISA.
6. Permits an individual to be licensed simultaneously as an adjuster and as an insurance producer with casualty, personal lines, or property lines of authority.
7. Clarifies that either the appointing insurer or the appointed insurance producer can notify the Commissioner when the appointment is cancelled.
8. Amends the definition of an "underinsured motor vehicle" by removing language that states the applicable limits of underinsured (UIM) coverage at the time of the accident are those "for the vehicle involved in the accident and insured under the owner's policy".
9. Makes technical corrections to certain insurance provisions in S.L. 2023-133 concerning the calculation of underinsured motorist coverage and insurance ratemaking laws.
10. Establishes the Firefighters' Cancer Insurance Program to provide health benefits to eligible firefighters with a new diagnosis of cancer on or after January 1, 2022.
11. Increases from \$10.00 to \$15.00 the monthly payment by eligible firefighters and rescue squad workers who participate in the North Carolina Firefighters' and Rescue Squad Workers' Pension Fund and increases the monthly pension benefit from \$170.00 to \$175.00.
12. Requires a county to ensure a criminal history record check is conducted for an

applicant over the age of 18 who is applying for a firefighting position and allows county clerks of court and third-party vendors to conduct a record check under certain conditions.

This act has varying effective dates.

## **JUVENILE JUSTICE & CHILDREN'S RIGHTS**

### **[House Bill 834 \(SL 2024-17\): Juvenile Justice Modifications.](#)**

House Bill 834 does the following:

1. Modifies the definition of "delinquent juvenile" related to juveniles who are 16 and 17 years old to exclude any offense punishable as a Class A, B1, B2, C, D, or E felony if committed by an adult.
2. Modifies the transfer process for juvenile cases from juvenile to superior court by creating a new indictment return appearance.
3. Modifies certain laws to create a new process for removal of a case from superior court to juvenile court.
4. Modifies the laws regarding notification of a delinquent juvenile's school and how the school can use that information.
5. Changes the timing requirement for subsequent secured custody hearings for juveniles.
6. Makes technical changes and a modification to certain dispositional alternatives.
7. Increases the punishment for an adult who solicits a minor to commit a crime.
8. Modifies the number of days the complainant and the victim have to request a review by the prosecutor of the juvenile court counselor's decision not to approve the filing of a petition.

Except as otherwise provided, this act became effective when it became law June 27, 2024.

**House Bill 971 (SL 2024-26): Human Trafficking Changes.**

See summary under Criminal Justice.

**LABOR & EMPLOYMENT**

**Senate Bill 542 (SL 2024-3): DOL Omnibus/Other Changes.**

Senate Bill 542 does the following:

1. Allows electronic communication as a form of notice under Youth Employment statutes, the Elevator Safety Act of North Carolina, the Amusement Device Safety Act of North Carolina, the Passenger Tramway Safety Act, the Occupational Safety and Health Act of North Carolina, and the Controlled Substance Examination Regulation Act.
2. Increases the range of the civil penalty for a Wage and Hour Act record-keeping violation from \$250-\$2,000 to \$750-\$4,500 and allows electronic communication as a form of notice.
3. Makes changes to the Uniform Boiler and Pressure Vessel Act including adding new definitions for "imminent danger" and "menace to public safety"; clarifying exemptions from the Act for the following: pressure vessels used for storage of compressed gases; air tanks used directly in the operation of trains; pressure vessels that meet specific limitations; and hot water supply boilers; allowing electronic communication as form of notice; combining the existing civil penalties into one penalty not to exceed \$500; repeals G.S. 95-255 – Reports and G.S. 95-255.1 – Technical Assistance and makes conforming changes; fixes a typographical error in a General Statutes citation; and modifies public works specification requirements for elevators.

This act became effective when it became law June 3, 2024, except for the typographical error correction, which became effective retroactively to July 1, 2022.

**[House Bill 1020 \(SL 2024-8\)](#): Retirement Admin. Changes of 2024.**

See summary under Government & Public Sector.

**[House Bill 223 \(SL 2024-23\)](#): OSHR/Various SHRA Changes.**

See summary under Government & Public Sector.

**[House Bill 971 \(SL 2024-26\)](#): Human Trafficking Changes.**

See summary under Criminal Justice.

**[Senate Bill 319 \(SL 2024-29\)](#): Insurance Rev/Online Auctions/Firefighters.**

See summary under Insurance Law.

**LITIGATION**

**[Senate Bill 124 \(SL 2024-11\)](#): Predatory Roofing/Ins. Rebate Reform.**

See summary under Insurance Law.

**[House Bill 237 \(SL 2024-16\)](#): Various Criminal and Election Law Changes.**

See summary under Criminal Justice.

**[Senate Bill 790 \(SL 2024-25\)](#): State Bar Review Committee Recommendations.**

See summary under General Interest.

**MILITARY & VETERANS LAW**

**[House Bill 250 \(SL 2024-43\)](#): Public Safety/Other Changes.**

See summary under Criminal Justice.

**REAL PROPERTY**

**[House Bill 228 \(SL 2024-28\)](#): Rev. Laws Tech., Clarifying, and Admin. Chngs.**

See summary under Tax.

**Senate Bill 319 (SL 2024-29): Insurance Rev/Online Auctions/Firefighters.**

See summary under Insurance Law.

**Senate Bill 355 (SL 2024-32): North Carolina Farm Act of 2024.**

See summary under Environment, Energy, and Natural Resources.

**Senate Bill 802 (SL 2024-44): C-PACE Program.**

Senate Bill 802 does the following:

1. Establishes the commercial property assessed capital expenditure program (C-PACE Program), to be administered by the Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina (EDPNC) under the supervision of the Department of Commerce, providing a procedure by which owners of qualifying commercial property can apply to EDPNC for long-term financing to be provided by private lenders that will pay for property improvements that include energy efficiency, water conservation, renewable energy, and resilience measures, with repayment of the financed amount secured by a lien upon the improved property.
2. Modifies the criteria under which an employee stock ownership (ESOP) company can qualify as a minority business or an historically underutilized business for purposes of public contract provisions in Chapter 143 of the General Statutes.
3. Requires the Department of Environmental Quality and the Environmental Management Commission, no later than August 1, 2024, to develop and submit draft rules to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) for USEPA's approval that establish methodologies and permitting requirements for the discharge of low risk treated domestic wastewaters following site specific criteria to surface waters of the State.

Except as otherwise provided, this act became effective July 1, 2024.

**[House Bill 556 \(SL 2024-47\): Tenancy in Com./E-Notary/Small Claims Changes.](#)**

See summary under General Interest.

**[Senate Bill 166 \(SL 2024-49\): 2024 Bldg. Code Regulatory Reform.](#)**

See summary under Construction Law.

**[Senate Bill 445 \(SL 2024-54\): Recording of Court-Filed Documents.](#)**

See summary under General Interest.

**TAX**

**[House Bill 228 \(SL 2024-28\): Rev. Laws Tech., Clarifying, and Admin. Chngs.](#)**

House Bill 228 makes various technical, clarifying, and administrative changes to the revenue laws as recommended by the Department of Revenue, makes technical changes to the Medicaid hospital assessment statutes, replaces an expiring unit of measure used by Fannie Mae referenced in NC statutes setting certain restrictions on high-cost home loans, increases from \$20 to \$30 the special registration plate fee for the NC Tennis Foundation special plate, and increases the bond debt limit for the Housing Finance Agency.

Except as otherwise provided, this act became effective when it became law July 1, 2024.

**[Senate Bill 319 \(SL 2024-29\): Insurance Rev/Online Auctions/Firefighters.](#)**

See summary under Insurance Law.

**[Senate Bill 355 \(SL 2024-32\): North Carolina Farm Act of 2024.](#)**

See summary under Environment, Energy, and Natural Resources.



**Senate Bill 527 (SL 2024-41): ABC Omnibus 2023-24.**

See summary under Administrative Law.