

May 15, 2008

S 1627. CERTIFIED RETIREMENT COMMUNITY PROGRAM. Filed 5/15/08. *TO CREATE THE NORTH CAROLINA RETIREMENT COMMUNITY PROGRAM.*

Enacts new Part 2K of Article 10 of GS Chapter 143B, the North Carolina Certified Retirement Community Program. The program is part of the Department of Commerce's (Commerce's) 21st Century Communities program and the intent of the program is to encourage retirees to make their homes in NC. A certified retirement community is a local government that meets specified conditions and applies to Commerce for certification. The application fee is the greater of \$10,000 or 50 cents times the local government's population. Once a local government is certified, Commerce will provide (1) assistance in training staff and volunteers, (2) oversight and guidance in marketing, (3) inclusion in NC advertising and promotions, (4) potential financial assistance for brochures and advertising, and (5) annual evaluation and assessment. The local government's certification expires in five years unless renewed.

Provides for a pilot program with the City of Lumberton as the first applicant for certification as a NC Retirement Community. The Second Career Center of Robeson Community College is required to lead the project and carry out specified tasks. States the intent that \$165,000 will be appropriated over the period July 1, 2008, through July 1, 2010, for the pilot project and no application fee will be charged to Lumberton for its initial application. The pilot project becomes effective July 1, 2008, and the statewide program becomes effective July 1, 2010.

Intro. by Weinstein.

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June 24, 2008

S 1627. CERTIFIED RETIREMENT COMMUNITY PROGRAM. Filed 5/15/08. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Requires the NC Certified Retirement Community Program pilot project to be led by the Department of Commerce in conjunction with the Second Career Center of Robeson Community College instead of solely by the Second Career Center. Removes the \$165,000 appropriation for the project. Deletes the specified actions that were to be undertaken by the Second Career Center. Requires the Department of Commerce to report on the implementation of the project by April 1, 2009, to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations and the House and Senate Appropriations Subcommittees on Natural and Economic Resources. Also removes the prohibition on the certification of other communities before July 1, 2010. Makes conforming changes.

July 2, 2008

S 1627. CERTIFIED RETIREMENT COMMUNITY PROGRAM. Filed 5/15/08. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Provides that the Department of Commerce (was, the 21st Century Communities program) will adopt administrative rules to implement the act's provisions. Changes the effective date for the pilot program from July 1, 2008, to October 1, 2008.

July 10, 2008

S 1627. CERTIFIED RETIREMENT COMMUNITY PROGRAM. Filed 5/15/08. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 3rd edition. Provides that the City of Lumberton's application fee for the city's initial application is \$25 (was, the city was not to be charged a fee). Makes technical changes.

August 8, 2008

SL 2008-188 (S 1627). CERTIFIED RETIREMENT COMMUNITY PROGRAM. AN ACT TO CREATE THE NORTH CAROLINA RETIREMENT COMMUNITY PROGRAM. Summarized in *Daily Bulletin* 5/15/08, 6/24/08, 7/2/08, and 7/10/08. Enacted August 7, 2008. Section 2 is effective October 1, 2008. The remainder is effective July 1, 2010.