



# HOUSE BILL 739: Repeal Business License Fees

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**SUMMARY:** *House Bill 739 repeals the authority of a municipality to charge a fee for regulation and licensing of occupations, businesses, trades, professions, and forms of amusement or entertainment under G.S. 160A-194.*

**CURRENT LAW:** Current G.S. 160A-194 grants municipalities the authority to "regulate and license occupations, businesses, trades, professions, and forms of amusement or entertainment and prohibit those that may be inimical to the public health, welfare, safety, order, or convenience." This law also grants the authority to examine license applicants and charge a regulatory fee, which must be reasonable and not exceed the costs of the regulatory activity.<sup>1</sup>

**BILL ANALYSIS:** House Bill 739 repeals the authority of a municipality to charge a fee for regulation and licensing of occupations, businesses, trades, professions, and forms of amusement or entertainment under G.S. 160A-194.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This act is effective when it becomes law.

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<sup>1</sup> Homebuilders Ass'n of Charlotte v. City of Charlotte, 336 N.C. 37 (1994)

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