



# HOUSE BILL 378: Bertie/Gates County/Ambulance Service.

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**OVERVIEW:** *House Bill 378 would add Bertie and Gates Counties to the list of counties where attachment, garnishment, and filing of liens is authorized to collect delinquent ambulance service fees when ambulance service is provided or supported by a county or municipality.*

**CURRENT LAW:** Article 9B of Chapter 44 of the General Statutes provides that in 89 counties, and the municipalities in those counties, delinquent ambulance service fees are a lien on the real property of the person furnished the ambulance service. The counties and municipalities are authorized to treat past due charges for ambulance services as if they were a tax due to the county or municipality, and to collect the amount due by use of the same attachment and garnishment proceedings used to collect taxes owed to a county or municipality.

This Article applies to service fees of county and municipal ambulance services, county-franchised and supported ambulance services, and municipal supported ambulance services, if the ambulance service fees are delinquent by at least 90 days.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** House Bill 378 would authorize Bertie and Gates Counties to use the existing delinquent ambulance service fee lien, attachment, and garnishment procedure for county and municipal ambulance services, county franchised and supported ambulance services, and municipal supported ambulance service.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The act would be effective when it becomes law.

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