



HOUSE BILL 645: Legal Services Rendered for Nonprofits.

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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 645 would permit a nonprofit membership association to render legal services to its members provided by its officers, employees, or agents who are licensed attorneys and to charge for the legal services rendered to its members.*

[As introduced, this bill was identical to S534, as introduced by Sen. B. Jackson, which is currently in Senate Rules and Operations of the Senate.]

CURRENT LAW: G.S. 84-5.1 permits a tax exempt nonprofit corporation organized under Chapter 55A of the General Statutes as a public interest law firm rendering indigent legal services to render such legal services provided by duly licensed attorneys.

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 645 would amend G.S. 84-5.1 to permit a nonprofit membership association organized under Chapter 55A of the General Statutes to render legal services to its members provided by its officers, employees, or agents who are duly licensed attorneys, provided that the attorney controls the manner and course of the legal services rendered. The bill would also permit the association to charge for the legal services rendered to its members.

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

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