SENATE BILL 257:
Appropriations Act of 2017, Sec. 34.17A:
Department of Transportation /Defend,
Indemnify, and Hold Harmless the City of
Wilmington from Liability for Map Act Claims

OVERVIEW: Section 34.17A of S.L. 2017-57 directs the Department of Transportation to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the City of Wilmington against any claims related to maps adopted, filed, or amended under the Map Act.

This section became effective July 1, 2017.

CURRENT LAW: The Transportation Corridor Official Map Act was enacted in 1987, and it authorized the Department of Transportation and other governing bodies to adopt and file transportation corridor maps, which place restrictions on property located within a corridor.

In 2015, legislation was enacted that directs the North Carolina Department of Transportation to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization and its members against any claims, civil actions, and proceedings related to or arising out of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's adoption, filing, or amendment of a transportation corridor official map. (S.L. 2015-151)

BILL ANALYSIS: This section directs the Department of Transportation to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the City of Wilmington against any claims, civil actions, and proceedings related to or arising out of the City's adoption, filing, or amendment of a transportation corridor official map under the Map Act.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This section became effective July 1, 2017.