

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1997 SESSION

S.L. 1997-180
HOUSE BILL 1050

AN ACT TO ALLOW LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO DONATE
UNCLAIMED BICYCLES TO CHARITY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 15-12 reads as rewritten:

"§ 15-12. **Publication of notice of unclaimed property; advertisement and sale or donation of unclaimed bicycles.**

(a) Unless otherwise provided herein, whenever such articles in the possession of any sheriff or police department have remained unclaimed by the person who may be entitled thereto for a period of 180 days after such seizure, confiscation, or receipt thereof in any other manner, by such sheriff or police department, the said sheriff or police department in whose possession said articles are may cause to be published one time in some newspaper published in said county a notice to the effect that such articles are in the custody of such officer or department, and requiring all persons who may have or claim any interest therein to make and establish such claim or interest not later than 30 days from the date of the publication of such notice or in default thereof, such articles will be sold and disposed of. Such notice shall contain a brief description of the said articles and such other information as the said officer or department may consider necessary or advisable to reasonably inform the public as to the kind and nature of the article about which the notice relates.

(b) Provided, however, Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section or Article 12 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes, when bicycles which are in the possession of any sheriff or police department, as provided for in this Article, have remained unclaimed by the person who may be entitled thereto for a period of 30-60 days after such seizure, confiscation or receipt thereof, the said sheriff or police department who has possession of any such bicycle may proceed to advertise and sell such bicycles as provided by this Article.—Article, or may donate such bicycles to a charitable organization exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. If the bicycles are to be donated, the notice shall state that as the intended disposition if they are not claimed."

Section 2. The following acts, having served the purposes for which they were enacted or having been consolidated into this act, are hereby repealed:

Chapter 650 of the 1993 Session Laws;
Chapter 106 of the 1995 Session Laws;
Chapter 569 of the 1995 Session Laws;

Chapter 614 of the 1995 Session Laws;
Chapter 618 of the 1995 Session Laws.

Section 3. Any law, public or local, in conflict with this act is repealed.

Section 4. This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 2nd of June,
1997.

s/ Dennis A. Wicker
President of the Senate

s/ Harold J. Brubaker
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ James B. Hunt, Jr.
Governor

Approved 3:40 p.m. this 12th day of June, 1997