

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**HOUSE BILL 1153**

Short Title: Study Collection of Commercial Debt.

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Sponsors: Representative McMahan.

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Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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April 12, 2001

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO  
3 STUDY THE ISSUE OF GARNISHMENT FOR PURPOSES OF COLLECTING  
4 COMMERCIAL DEBT.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** The Legislative Research Commission may conduct a study of  
7 the issue of commercial or business debts and the means available to creditors to collect  
8 on those debts. If the Commission undertakes the study, it shall consider whether a  
9 person who has recovered a court order or judgment for a commercial debt should be  
10 allowed to obtain an order of garnishment of the debtor's income, wages, bonuses, or  
11 commissions and, if so, what types of income should be garnished or exempt from  
12 garnishment. The Commission may review other State laws, including the South  
13 Carolina Business Debt Recovery Act, in considering the issue of garnishment for  
14 commercial debts.

15 The Legislative Research Commission may make an interim report of its  
16 findings and recommendations to the 2002 Regular Session of the 2001 General  
17 Assembly, and a final report to the 2003 General Assembly.

18 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.