

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 971

Short Title: DSS Worker - Right of Entry.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Capps; Barnhart, Blust, Davis, Decker, Dedmon, Eddins, Ellis, Gillespie, Gulley, Hilton, Johnson, Rayfield, Setzer, Shubert, and Starnes.

Referred to: Judiciary II.

April 4, 2001

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO RESTRICT THE AUTHORITY OF A SOCIAL WORKER TO ENTER
3 A PRIVATE RESIDENCE FOR INVESTIGATION PURPOSES.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 7B-302 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

6 "(h) A social services worker may not enter a private residence for investigation
7 purposes without at least one of the following:

8 (1) The permission of the head of the household.

9 (2) The accompaniment of a law enforcement officer who has legal
10 authority to enter the residence."

11 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2001.