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SENATE BILL 817
Commerce Committee Substitute Adopted 4/23/01

Short Title: Building Code Revisions.

(Local)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

April 3, 2001

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE STATE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL TO AMEND
3 THE STATE BUILDING CODE REGARDING DOOR LOCK REQUIREMENTS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 SECTION 1. Article 9 of Chapter 143 is amended by adding a new section
6 to read:

7 "**§ 143-143.4. Door lock exemption for certain businesses.**

8 (a) Notwithstanding this Article or any other law to the contrary, any business
9 entity that is in the business of selling firearms or ammunition or that operates a firing
10 range which rents firearms and sells ammunition shall be exempt from the door lock
11 requirements of Chapter 10 of Volume 1 of the North Carolina State Building Code if
12 all of the following conditions are met:

13 (1) The building or facility in which business is conducted has a sales
14 floor and customer occupancy space that is contained on one floor and
15 is no larger than 10,000 square feet.

16 (2) The building or facility in which business is conducted is equipped
17 with an approved smoke, fire, and break-in alarm system.

18 (3) The owner or operator of the business provides to all applicable
19 employees a written facility locking plan for the close of business each
20 day.

21 For the purposes of this section, 'business entity' has the same meaning as in G.S.
22 59-102.

23 (b) A violation of the conditions in subsection (a) of this section subjects the
24 owner or operator of the business to a civil penalty of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for
25 the first offense, one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for the second offense, and five thousand
26 dollars (\$5,000) for the third and subsequent offenses, which shall be imposed by the
27 city or county in which the violation occurs. Each day an owner or operator violates
28 subsection (a) of this section constitutes a separate offense."

29 SECTION 2. This act applies only to Cumberland County.

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SECTION 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.