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**HOUSE BILL 652  
Committee Substitute Favorable 6/8/11**

Short Title: Property Owners Protection Act/Study.

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April 7, 2011

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO STUDY  
ESTABLISHING A PROPERTY OWNERS PROTECTION ACT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** The Legislative Research Commission may study the establishment of a property owners protection act that would favor the free use of land. In conducting the study, the Committee may examine the award of attorneys' fees incurred by a property owner in an action challenging land-use regulations and prohibiting the enforcement of penalties against a property owner for an act not actually committed by the property owner. As a part of its study, the Commission shall review the issues raised by the first edition of House Bill 652, 2011 Regular Session.

**SECTION 2.** The Legislative Research Commission may make an interim report to the 2011 General Assembly, including any proposed legislation, when it reconvenes in 2012 and shall make its final report, including any proposed legislation, to the 2013 General Assembly.

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

