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HOUSE BILL 55*
Committee Substitute Favorable 3/20/03

Short Title: Honor Retiring Firefighters.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

February 24, 2003

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE FIRE DEPARTMENTS TO HONOR RETIRING OR
DECEASED FIREFIGHTERS BY AWARDING THEIR FIRE HELMETS TO
THEM OR TO A SURVIVING RELATIVE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Chapter 153A of the General Statutes is amended by adding a
new section to read:

"§ 153A-236. Honoring deceased or retiring firefighters.

A fire department established by a county pursuant to this Article may, in the
discretion of the board of commissioners, award to a retiring firefighter or a surviving
relative of a deceased firefighter, upon request, the fire helmet of the deceased or
retiring firefighter, at a price determined in a manner authorized by the board. The price
may be less than the fair market value of the helmet."

SECTION 2. Chapter 160A of the General Statutes is amended by adding a
new section to read:

"§ 160A-294.1. Honoring deceased or retiring firefighters.

A fire department established by a municipality pursuant to this Article may, in the
discretion of the governing body of the municipality, award to a retiring firefighter or a
surviving relative of a deceased firefighter, upon request, the fire helmet of the deceased
or retiring firefighter, at a price determined in a manner authorized by the governing
body. The price may be less than the fair market value of the helmet."

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