

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 608

Short Title: Durham/Refuse & Debris Ordinance.

(Local)

Sponsors: Senator Atwater.

Referred to: State & Local Government.

March 12, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF DURHAM TO EXPEDITE REMOVAL OF
2 REFUSE AND DEBRIS BY AMENDING THE DEFINITION OF CHRONIC
3 VIOLATOR.
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 1 of S.L. 2003-133 reads as rewritten:

7 "SECTION 1. A municipality may notify a chronic violator of the municipality's
8 refuse and debris ordinance that, if the violator's property is found to be in violation of
9 the ordinance, the municipality may, without further notice in the calendar year in
10 which the notice is given, take action to remedy the violation, and the expense of the
11 action shall become a lien upon the violator's property and shall be collected as unpaid
12 taxes. The initial annual notice shall be served by registered or certified mail. Under
13 this section, a chronic violator is a person who owns property whereupon, in the
14 previous calendar year, the municipality took remedial action at least ~~three~~two times
15 under the refuse and debris ordinance."

16 **SECTION 2.** This act applies to the City of Durham only.

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