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LEGISLATION SUMMARY**

Bill Number/Title	Bill Summary	Bill Status
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SB 20- IRC Update/Motor Fuel Tax Changes</b></p>	<p>Note that SB 20 consists of two parts: Part 1 updates references to the Internal Revenue Code used in determining certain State tax provisions. The Act decouples from the following five extensions under the Federal Tax Increase Prevention Act of 2014 for the 2014 tax year, but conforms to the federal \$250 teacher expense deduction:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) <b>Enhanced Section 179 expensing</b>- does not conform to the one-year extension of the enhanced Section 179 expensing provision.</li> <li>2) <b>Income Exclusion for Distributions from IRAs to Charity</b>- does not conform to the extension of the income exclusion for a qualified charitable distribution from an individual retirement plan by a person who has attained the age of 70 ½ for tax year 2014.</li> <li>3) <b>Deduction for Mortgage Insurance Premiums as Interest</b>- does not conform to the extension of the deduction for mortgage insurance premiums as interest for tax year 2014. Taxpayers may not include any amount for mortgage insurance premiums in their deduction.</li> <li>4) <b>Income Exclusion for Discharge of Qualified Principal Residence Indebtedness</b>- does not conform to the extension of the income exclusion for the discharge of qualified principal residence indebtedness. Requires a taxpayer to add back the amount excluded at the federal level for purposes of determining NC taxable income.</li> <li>5) <b>Higher Education Deduction</b>- does not conform to the extension of the federal qualified tuition and expenses deduction for tax year 2014.</li> </ol> <p>Part 2 updates the Internal Revenue Code to comply with the Tax Increase Prevention Act that was signed into law by President Obama on December 19, 2014. The federal law extended nearly 50 tax provisions for 2014, which previously expired at the end of 2013. SB 20 also makes new changes to our state's gas tax rate. It reduces the motor fuel tax rate from 37.5 cents to 36 cents beginning April 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 – although gasoline prices fell over 30 cents per gallon (CPG) this summer due to declining gas prices. It sets the rate at 35 CPG from January 1, 2016 through June 30, 2016, and at 34 CPG from July 1, 2016, through December 31, 2016, and allows it to be capped at this rate from falling any</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Governor signed into Law on 3-31-15.</i></p>

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	<p>lower than 35 cents. Additionally, Part 2 changes the variable component of the formula for determining gas rates. It replaces the two six-month base periods used in determining the gas tax rate with a single 12-month base period. Lastly, it makes \$2.53 million and \$10.1 million reductions in the Highway Trust Fund and Highway Fund budgets from the 2014-15 fiscal year.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SB 541- Regulate Transportation Network Companies</b></p>	<p>With the rise of transportation network companies (Uber), the Legislature took action to regulate these companies in order to ensure the safety of consumers. The bill would require drivers to pass background checks and have their cars inspected. The bill would also require companies to have their drivers and cars insured for liability purposes. The bill would also ensure that consumers are not discriminated against based on point of destination and departure.</p>	<p><i>Passed the Senate and favorably passed House Finance Committee on 8-11-15.</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SB 343- Student Assault on Teacher/Felony Offense</b></p>	<p>This act would charge students over 16 years old with a <b>felony</b> if a student assaults a teacher on school property. Unless the conduct is covered under some other provision of law providing greater punishment, a student who assaults a school employee is guilty of an offense under this section if all of the following criteria are satisfied:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The student assaults the school employee when the employee is attempting to do his/her work as an educator. Whether the student makes a threat that makes the teacher feel he/she is in danger or if the student physically assaults the teacher.</li> <li>• The assault occurs on school property.</li> <li>• The student is 16 years of age or older.</li> </ul>	<p><i>Passed the Senate and was re-referred to the House Committee on Children, Youth, and Families on 7-16-15.</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SB 676- Autism Health Insurance Coverage</b></p>	<p>SB 676 would provide coverage for the treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorders.</p>	<p><i>Passed the Senate and was re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House on 6-30-15.</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>HB 117- NC Competes Act</b></p>	<p>This bill has the intention of increasing economic growth through Job and Development grants, but it also includes a provision which would redistribute local sales tax revenue. This bill would cost Mecklenburg County millions of dollars in revenue and give that revenue to other counties.</p>	<p><i>Passed the Senate, failed to concur in House, House Conference Committee appointed on 8-20-15.</i></p>

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<p><b>HB 148- Insurance Required for Mopeds</b></p>	<p>This bill has become Law and it would require moped users to have their mopeds insured due to liability purposes.</p>	<p><i>Governor signed into Law on 6-29-15.</i></p>
<p><b>HB 372- Medicaid/Transformation /HIE/Primary Care/Funds</b></p>	<p>This legislation would revamp our current state's Medicaid program. The bill would allow out-of-state managed care companies and provider led entities to manage our state's Medicaid program. It would also create a new department to oversee Medicaid, prompting the NCGA to confirm the department head of this becomes law. The current Medicaid primary care case management (PCCM) program would be discontinued to provide funding for increased Medicaid rates to primary care physicians. Note that Senator Joel Ford successfully sponsored an amendment to HB 372 (page 4, line 23) which enables small businesses to have an equal opportunity to participate in the provider networks established by commercial insurers and provider-led entities (PLEs).</p>	<p><i>Passed House and Senate, Conferees appointed on 8-19-15.</i></p>
<p><b>HB 405- Property Protection Act</b></p>	<p>Would allow business or property owners to seek damages against employees who enter unauthorized locations in order to undermine the business or property through video or sound recording. The employee must enter a business or property with the intent other than doing their job to be liable under the trespassing provision of the bill. Further, employees who go to work and witness wrongdoing in the workplace and take appropriate action would not be liable under HB 405. It strengthens the civil remedies available to property owners and it doesn't stop whistleblowers or law enforcement activity. The bill was amended in the House in order to ensure that legitimate whistleblowers are not liable under this bill.</p>	<p><i>Passed House and Senate. Governor vetoed on 5-29-15. Veto overridden by House and Senate on 6-03-15 and bill became Law on 6-04-15.</i></p>
<p><b>HB 532- WC/Truck Driver Status</b></p>	<p>This bill would repeal G.S.97-19.1. "which imposes liability for workers compensation benefits upon a principal contractor, intermediate contractor, or subcontractor who contracts with an independent contractor, its employees or subcontractors operating trucks, tractors, or tractor trailers, for injury or death arising out of and in the course of doing the work required under the contract, if the independent contractor has not secured payment of workers compensation benefits for the independent contractor personally or for its employees or subcontractors."</p>	<p><i>Passed House and Senate, Pursuant to G.S. 36(b) re- referred to Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.</i></p>

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>HB 562- Amend Firearm Laws</b></p>	<p>The bill makes several improvements to the pistol purchase permit process to address concerns identified by sheriffs. The changes improve the process for law abiding citizens to acquire a gun while ensuring that they are properly vetted. A Sheriff would require a uniform background checks on all pistol purchase permits in order to maintain consistency.</p>	<p><i>Governor signed into Law on 8-05-15.</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>HB 774- Restoring Proper Justice Act</b></p>	<p>Would repeal a current law that requires a doctor to be present during executions (death penalty), but still require a doctor to sign off on the death certificate. The bill would also shield company names that provide the drugs used in executions, which would also hide the kind of drugs used during executions.</p>	<p><i>Governor signed into Law on 8-05-15.</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>HB 792- Privacy/Protection From Revenge Postings</b></p>	<p>Would make it a felony for a person to post images of the "intimate parts" or "sexual conduct" of someone without that person's consent. The individual that discloses such images could face a fine up to \$100,000. I also helped amend the bill which would make it illegal for a person to stand on their property naked with the intent of being seen by the public.</p>	<p><i>Passed the Senate, failed to concur in House, Conference Committee appointed on 8-11-15.</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>HB 793- Privacy/Up Secret Peeping Punishment</b></p>	<p>Makes it a felony to take photos or images of someone without their consent in a private setting, such as a bedroom or a bathroom, with the intention to use them to harm, extort, intimidate or defraud that person. The bill would not apply to exterior cameras, such as security systems.</p>	<p><i>Passed the House, referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate on 4-29-15.</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>HB 794- Protection from Online Impersonation</b></p>	<p>Defines a new felony crime of "online impersonation," defined as "engaging in a credible impersonation of an actual person for the purposes of harming, intimidating, threatening, or defrauding another person." A conviction could result in jail time and fines as well as a civil lawsuit for damages.</p>	<p><i>Passed the House, referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate on 4-30-15.</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>HB 795- SEPA Reform</b></p>	<p>This legislation would modify outdated regulatory rules in regards to the environment. The state would still comply by federal regulations and this bill only backtracks on regulatory overlap between the state and federal government.</p>	<p><i>Governor signed into Law on 6-19-15.</i></p>

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**Other Pressing Issues in North Carolina:**

**Films Incentives:** Our State has a record of attracting film producers to come in to use our scenery to produce films and well known television shows. However, we are slowly losing the film industry in our state as film producers begin to pack up and go elsewhere like Georgia because our state has failed to invest in film incentives. As our budgets chip away at film incentive programs, we will continue to see the film industry vanish from our state and lose jobs and economic growth.

**Manufacturing:** Earlier this year, Volvo dismissed North Carolina as a possible location for its new manufacturing plant due to our states failure to make development easier for companies. Instead, Volvo decided to build its new plant in South Carolina. If Volvo would have picked out state, we could have had over 4,000 new jobs for North Carolinians. Just recently, Landrover also dismissed building a plant in our state after considering it earlier this year. Instead they're taking their business to Slovakia!

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COMMITTEE MEETINGS, LEGISLATOR CONTACT INFORMATION, ETC. - [WWW.NCLEG.NET](http://WWW.NCLEG.NET)

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CURRENTLY SERVE IN THE 2015-2016 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

**2015-2016 NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
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