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HOUSE BILL DRH40604-NK-134A

Short Title: City of Southport/Tree Ordinances. (Local)

Sponsors: Representative Miller.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF SOUTHPORT TO PROHIBIT THE  
3 CITY FROM REGULATING THE REMOVAL, REPLACEMENT, AND  
4 PRESERVATION OF TREES OUTSIDE THE CITY'S CONTIGUOUS CORPORATE  
5 LIMITS.  
6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:  
7 **SECTION 1.** Article V of the Charter of the City of Southport, being Chapter 659  
8 of the Session Laws of 1983, as amended, is amended by adding a new section to read:  
9 "Sec. 5.2. Removal, replacement, and preservation of trees. Notwithstanding the provisions  
10 of Chapter 160D of the General Statutes, its predecessor, Article 19 of Chapter 160A of the  
11 General Statutes, or any other provision of law, the City shall not enforce any ordinances  
12 regulating the removal, replacement, and preservation of trees on public or private property  
13 outside the City's contiguous corporate limits. Nothing in this section shall be construed as  
14 prohibiting the City from adopting ordinances regulating the removal, replacement, and  
15 preservation of trees on public or private property within the City's contiguous corporate limits  
16 as authorized in Chapter 242 of the Session Laws of 1987."  
17 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

