

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

SESSION 1997

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HOUSE BILL 1328

Short Title: Natural Gas Franchises.

(Local)

Sponsors: Representative Owens.

Referred to: Local & Regional Government I, if favorable, Commerce.

May 19, 1998

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 **AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT A FRANCHISED NATURAL GAS DISTRIBUTION**
3 **COMPANY THAT IS NOT PROVIDING SERVICE TO AT LEAST SOME**
4 **PORTION OF CAMDEN, CURRITUCK, DARE, OR TYRRELL COUNTIES BY**
5 **JULY 1, 1998, SHALL LOSE ITS EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE RIGHTS TO THE**
6 **COUNTY NOT BEING SERVED.**

7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 Section 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 62-36A and the rules
9 developed by the Utilities Commission pursuant to that section, a franchised natural gas
10 local distribution company that the Commission determines is not providing adequate
11 service to at least some portion of a county within its franchise territory by July 1, 1998,
12 shall forfeit its exclusive franchise rights to that county.

13 Section 2. This act applies only to Camden, Currituck, Dare, and Tyrrell
14 Counties.

15 Section 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.