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2007 SESSION LAWS

The NC General Assembly has enacted 218 pieces of legislation since the 2007-2008 Session began January 24th. Please click on the link below to view new laws, organized by practice area, affecting North Carolina lawyers.

[2007 Session Laws](#)

NCBA LEGISLATIVE AGENDA UPDATE

Five of the NCBA section sponsored legislative proposals have been signed by the Governor, becoming session laws. Please click on the links below to view the text of those bills.

[Senate Bill 947, Uniform Trust Code Changes](#)
[House Bill 485, Info. on Lawful Abandonment](#)
[House Bill 865, Remove Barriers to Interstate Adoption](#)
[House Bill 866, Expand Reach of Courts/
Terminate Parental Rights](#)
[House Bill 21, Recovery of Civil Costs](#)

Please check future editions of the *Governmental Affairs Update* for updates on the status of all NCBA legislative proposals.

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ABA Washington Letter

The *ABA Washington Letter*, provided by the ABA Office of Governmental Affairs, provides up-to-date information to the legal profession on federal legislative issues. Please click the link below to access the July issue.

[July 2007 Washington Letter](#)

DEVELOPING ISSUES IN THE NCGA

Stay up-to-date with developing news from the General Assembly.

NCGA Operating on Continuing Resolution

With the House and Senate continuing to work out the differences in their spending plans, the General Assembly is operating under a continuing resolution, allowing government spending and taxes to continue at current levels until July 31, 2007. Please [click here](#) to access the complete story.

Real Estate Transfer Tax Debate

The debate continues over letting voters decide whether or not they want a tax on real estate transactions in their county. [Click here](#) for the latest update on the transfer tax fight.

Medicaid Swap Tentatively Approved

The Senate has tentatively approved [House Bill 1016](#), State Medicaid Swap, with a final vote expected today. The bill would require the state to take over the counties' share of Medicaid expenses. Please [click here](#) for the latest story.

GAVEL TO GAVEL

Provided by the National Center for State Courts, *Gavel to Gavel* is a national overview of trends in legislative activity as it relates to the courts. Please click the link below to access the latest edition.

[Gavel to Gavel](#)