



CHAPTER 132

N.C.G.S. § 132-3.

Destruction of records regulated.

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- § 132-3(a)

Prohibition. - No public official may destroy, sell, loan, or otherwise dispose of any public record, except in accordance with G.S. 121-5 and G.S. 130A-99, without the consent of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources. Whoever unlawfully removes a public record from the office where it is usually kept, or alters, defaces, mutilates or destroys it shall be guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor and upon conviction only fined not less than ten dollars (\$10.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00).
- § 132-3(b)

Revenue Records. - Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section and G.S. 121-5, when a record of the Department of Revenue has been copied in any manner, the original record may be destroyed upon the order of the Secretary of Revenue. If a record of the Department of Revenue has not been copied, the original record shall be preserved for at least three years. After three years the original record may be destroyed upon the order of the Secretary of Revenue.
- § 132-3(c)

Employment Security Records. - Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section and G.S. 121-5, when a record of the Division of Employment Security has been copied in any manner, the original record may be destroyed upon the order of the Division. If a record of that Division has not been copied, the original record shall be preserved for at least three years. After three years the original record may be destroyed upon the order of the Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

Amendment lineage

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Nº	YEAR	ACT	CHARACTER
01	1935	c. 265, s. 3	ENACTED
02	1943	c. 237	AMENDED
03	1953	c. 675, s. 17	AMENDED
04	1957	c. 330, s. 2	AMENDED
05	1973	c. 476, s. 48	AMENDED
06	1993	c. 485, s. 39	AMENDED
07	1993	c. 539, s. 966	AMENDED
08	1994	Ex. Sess., c. 24, s. 14(c)	AMENDED
09	1997	S.L. 1997-309, s. 12	AMENDED
10	2001	S.L. 2001-115, s. 2	AMENDED
11	2011	S.L. 2011-401, s. 3.16	AMENDED
12	2015	S.L. 2015-241, s. 14.30(s)	AMENDED

Authorities referenced

REFERENCE	APPEARS IN	OPERATIVE LANGUAGE IN THIS SECTION
G.S. 121-5	(a)	"public record, except in accordance with"
G.S. 130A-99	(a)	"in accordance with G.S. 121-5 and"

APPARATUS III

Citation

FULL SECTION

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 132-3 (2015).

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