



CHAPTER 15A
ARTICLE 11 - SEARCH WARRANTS

N.C.G.S. § 15A-259.

Application of Article to all warrants;
exception as to inspection warrants and
special riot situations.

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The requirements of this Article apply to search warrants issued for any purpose, except that the contents of and procedure relating to inspection warrants are to be governed by the provisions of Article 4A of Chapter 15 and warrants to inspect vehicles in riot areas or approaching municipalities during emergencies are subject to the special procedures set out in G.S. 14-288.11. Nothing in this Article is intended to alter or affect the emergency search doctrine.

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03	1971	c. 872, s. 4	AMENDED
04	1973	c. 1286, s. 1	AMENDED

APPARATUS II
1 AUTHORITY

Authorities referenced

Every G.S. cross-reference appearing in the text of this section, in order of first appearance. Nothing is characterized; the operative language is quoted from the section itself.

REFERENCE	APPEARS IN	OPERATIVE LANGUAGE IN THIS SECTION
G.S. 14-288.11		<i>"the special procedures set out in"</i>

APPARATUS III

Citation

FULL SECTION

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 15A-259 (1973).

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