



CHAPTER 17
ARTICLE 2 - APPLICATION

N.C.G.S. § 17-3.

Who may prosecute writ.

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Every person imprisoned or restrained of his liberty within this State, for any criminal or supposed criminal matter, or on any pretense whatsoever, except in cases specified in G.S. 17-4, may prosecute a writ of habeas corpus, according to the provisions of this Chapter, to inquire into the cause of such imprisonment or restraint, and, if illegal, to be delivered therefrom. (1868-9, c. 116, s. 1; Code, s. 1623; Rev., s. 1821; C.S., s. 2205.)

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1 AUTHORITY

Authorities referenced

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G.S. 17-4		"whatsoever, except in cases specified in"

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