



North Carolina lawmakers left Raleigh on June 26 for a summer break after a flurry of activity and a push to adopt numerous bills. While the House and Senate did not reach an agreement on a new two-year budget, they can continue to work on it when they return from break. The NCR lobbying team advanced key legislation shown below prior to the break.

Bill # & Name	Description
SB 690 – Various Real Estate & Business Law Changes Bill Summary	<p>Includes language to allow agent commissions to be included in the offer to purchase and contract. Click here to access a Q&A.</p> <p>Includes changes to the language of out-of-pocket expenses and litigation costs for landlords by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removing the prevailing party condition so that landlords are entitled to recover attorneys’ fees regardless of who wins the case. • Clarifying that when a tenant appeals a summary ejectment to district court and the landlord is the prevailing party, the landlord is entitled to be awarded reasonable attorneys’ fees.
HB 96 – Expedited Removal of Unauthorized Persons Bill Summary	<p>This legislation provides a quick removal process of an unauthorized occupant. It does not apply to a tenant or someone who has overstayed their lease. The service of the summons and complaint for expedited removal shall be made within 24 hours of receiving the summons and complaint for service</p> <p>Please note that Governor Stein vetoed HB 96. He did not have concerns with the provisions related to the removal of unauthorized persons from property. Governor Stein likes the language; he is concerned about the language limiting regulations against pet stores. This is not one of our issues but it is common practice to put language into other bills in order to advance it....that is what occurred with this bill. Our lobbying team is working on solutions to ensure the passage of this important industry bill.</p>

Human Trafficking Training Update

The NC Department of Labor (NCDOL) in collaboration with NC Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS), North Carolina Restaurant and Lodging Association, and the Human Trafficking Commission on May 16 launched a public awareness site to fulfill human trafficking training requirements for certain employees and contractors involved in vacation rentals or lodging establishments. Training is provided free of charge from several online providers. Important deadlines for employees are:

- **New personnel (hired after July 1, 2025):** Complete training within **60 days** of beginning work
- **Existing personnel (hired before July 1, 2025):** Complete training by **June 30, 2027**
- **All personnel: Must repeat training every 2 years**

This training is easily accessible and provides employees with a clear understanding of recognizing the signs of potential human trafficking as required by North Carolina General Statue. The training, which is free of charge, can be accessed by [clicking here](#).