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SENATE BILL DRS45100-LM-56

Short Title: Davidson/Preserve Heritage Trees. (Local)

Sponsors: Senator Marcus (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT PROVIDING THAT THE TOWN OF DAVIDSON MAY ADOPT ORDINANCES  
3 THAT PROHIBIT THE REMOVAL OF HERITAGE TREES FROM PROPERTY TO BE  
4 DEVELOPED FOR SINGLE-FAMILY OR DUPLEX RESIDENTIAL USES.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 4 of S.L. 1997-420 reads as rewritten:

7 "Section 4. In order to preserve and enhance one of the most valuable natural resources of  
8 the community and to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens, a municipality may  
9 adopt ordinances to regulate the planting, removal, and preservation of trees on public and private  
10 property within the municipality. Any ordinance adopted pursuant to this section shall exclude  
11 property to be developed for single-family or duplex residential ~~uses-uses,~~ except the ordinance  
12 may prohibit the removal of heritage trees from property to be developed for single-family or  
13 duplex residential uses. For purposes of this Section, the term "heritage tree" means a native tree  
14 species that is 30 inches in diameter at breast height."

15 **SECTION 2.** This act applies to the Town of Davidson only.

16 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

