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S 1199. INTERLOCK/OPEN CONTAINER CHANGES (=H 1499). *TO AMEND NORTH CAROLINA LAW CONCERNING USE OF IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICES BY REPEAT DWI OFFENDERS AND POSSESSION OF OPEN CONTAINERS IN VEHICLES TO COMPLY WITH FEDERAL LAW AND AVOID A MANDATORY TRANSFER OF FEDERAL HIGHWAY FUNDS.*

Amends GS 20-17.8(b)(1) to require ignition interlock system to be equipped on all vehicles owned by restricted persons. Adds new GS 20-138.7(a1) to provide that a person may not drive motor vehicle on highway or public vehicular area while there is in the passenger area an alcoholic beverage other than in the unopened manufacturer's original container. Violation of this new subsection is an infraction and is not considered a moving violation under GS 20-16(c) (driver's license points). Provides that it is not a violation of subsection if the container is (1) in passenger area of motor vehicle designed, maintained, or used primarily for transportation of people for compensation; (2) in living quarters of motor home or house car; or (3) in a house trailer. Effective for offenses committed on or after Dec. 1, 2000.

Intro. by Gulley.

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