

March 25, 1999

S 527. EMERGENCY TRAFFIC ORDINANCES. TO PERMIT LOCAL AUTHORITIES TO PREEMPT TRAFFIC SIGNALS OR SEMAPHORES ON STATE HIGHWAYS IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS. Amends and

reorganizes GS 20-169 as title indicates. Preemption applies on city streets or state highways within local government boundaries by police, fire department or rescue squad vehicles or ambulances.

Intro. by Hartsell.

Ref. to Judiciary I

GS 20

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S 527. EMERGENCY TRAFFIC ORDINANCES. Intro. 3/25/99. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Changes title to "AN ACT TO PERMIT LOCAL AUTHORITIES TO PREEMPT TRAFFIC SIGNALS ON CITY STREETS AND STATE HIGHWAYS IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS." Amends GS 20-169 to permit local authorities to provide by ordinances for any of the following: (1) regulating traffic by signaling devices on any portion or highway where traffic is heavy or continuous; (2) prohibiting other than one-way traffic on certain highways; (3) regulating the use of highways by processions or assemblages; (4) regulating the speed of vehicles on highways in public parks; and (5) authorizing law enforcement or fire department vehicles, ambulances, and rescue squad emergency service vehicles, equipped with a siren to preempt any traffic signals on city streets within local authority boundaries or, with approval of Dep't of Transportation, on State highways within the boundaries of local authorities (with Dep't to respond to requests for approval within 60 days of receipt).