

March 26, 2001

H 774. PASSING PARKED EMERGENCY VEHICLE. TO PROVIDE FOR HOW DRIVERS SHALL OPERATE THEIR MOTOR VEHICLES WHEN PASSING PARKED EMERGENCY VEHICLES THAT HAVE THEIR EMERGENCY LIGHTS ILLUMINATED. Enacts new GS 20-157(f) as title indicates. When driving on interstate highway or other highway with more than two lanes traveling in direction of emergency vehicle, drivers must merge into the lane farthest from the emergency vehicle; when driving on a two lane road, drivers must slow to a speed that is 20 mph less than posted speed limit. Effective Oct. 1, 2001.

Intro. by Morris.

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April 23, 2001

H 774. PASSING PARKED EMERGENCY VEHICLE. Intro. 3/26/01. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Changes title to *AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR HOW DRIVERS SHALL OPERATE THEIR MOTOR VEHICLES WHEN PASSING PARKED OR STANDING EMERGENCY VEHICLES THAT HAVE THEIR EMERGENCY LIGHTS ILLUMINATED*. Extends bill to cover standing as well as parked emergency vehicles. Provides that on roads with only one lane of traffic in the direction in which a driver is driving, the driver is to pass the emergency vehicle at a reduced and safe speed (originally, at speed 20 mph less than posted speed).

July 16, 2001

H 774. MOTOR VEHICLE PASSING LAWS/DALTON'S LAW. Intro. 3/26/01. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 3rd edition: (1) changes title to *AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR HOW DRIVERS SHALL OPERATE THEIR MOTOR VEHICLES WHEN PASSING PARKED OR STANDING EMERGENCY VEHICLES THAT HAVE THEIR EMERGENCY LIGHTS ILLUMINATED, AND TO REQUIRE RENTAL CAR COMPANIES TO NOTIFY RENTERS OF THE LAW FORBIDDING PASSING OF A STOPPED SCHOOL BUS*; (2) provides that violation of the provisions concerning the passing of a parked or standing emergency vehicles shall not be negligence per se; and (3) adds new GS 66-207 to require rental car companies to provide renters with written notification of the law forbidding motorists from passing a stopped school bus receiving or discharging passengers. Directs the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to develop the written notice and design a placard that states or illustrates the law, and to do so in five specified languages. Requires DMV to publish both the notice and the placard on the Internet in downloadable form. Requires rental car company to post placard on airport shuttle buses and at rental counters. Relieves car rental company from any criminal or civil liability if it fails to comply. Makes provisions affecting rental car companies effective Dec. 1, 2001.

August 7, 2001

SL 2001-331 (H 774). MOTOR VEHICLE PASSING LAWS/DALTON'S LAW. AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR HOW DRIVERS SHALL OPERATE THEIR MOTOR VEHICLES WHEN PASSING PARKED OR STANDING EMERGENCY VEHICLES THAT HAVE THEIR EMERGENCY LIGHTS ILLUMINATED, AND TO REQUIRE RENTAL CAR COMPANIES TO NOTIFY RENTERS OF THE LAW FORBIDDING PASSING OF A STOPPED SCHOOL BUS. Summarized in *Daily Bulletin* 3/26/01, 4/23/01, and 7/16/01. Enacted Aug. 2, 2001. Section 2 is effective Dec. 1, 2001. The remainder of this act is effective Oct. 1, 2001.