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S 125. RADAR DETECTORS PROHIBITED. *TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF RADAR DETECTORS IN MOTOR VEHICLES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE CORRECTIONS AND CRIME CONTROL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.* Amends GS Ch. 20 to add a new section making it unlawful to operate a motor vehicle equipped with a radar detector or similar device or to use or sell such devices in NC. Presence of a prohibited device in or on a vehicle is prima facie evidence of a violation and the state need not prove the device was in operative condition or being operated. Provided, however, that there is no violation when the device had no power source and was not readily accessible for use by the driver or a passenger. The section does not apply to radio wave receivers used for lawful purposes to receive signals from a frequency lawfully licensed by any state or federal agency and does not authorize forfeiture of prohibited devices. The section does not apply to motor vehicles owned by the state or any subdivision of it used by law enforcement officiers in their official duties or to the sale of such devices to law enforcement agencies for use in their official duties. No drivers license points or insurance surcharge shall be assessed for violation of the section. Effective Dec. 1, 2001.

Intro. by Odom.

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