

June 12, 2002

S 1328. REPEAL HIGHWAY USE TAX TRANSFER-5 YRS. TO REPEAL THE ANNUAL TRANSFER OF HIGHWAY USE TAX COLLECTIONS FROM THE HIGHWAY TRUST FUND TO THE GENERAL FUND AND TO PROVIDE THAT THOSE FUNDS SHALL BE USED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE. Amends GS 105-187.9 to provide that for 2002-2003 State Treasurer must transfer \$352 million of the taxes credited to the NC Highway Trust Fund to the General Fund, subject to availability of tax revenues collected. Amends G.S. 105-187.9(b), which directs State Treasurer to transfer specified amounts from Highway Fund to General Fund. Provides for 20% per year reduction in transferred amounts (from \$281.6 million on July 1, 2003, to \$70.4 million on July 1, 2006) with last transfer on July 1, 2006. Prohibits transfers after that date but provides that prohibition on transfers is repealed effective June 30, 2007. Amends GS 136-176 to provide that Dep't of Transportation must use Highway Trust Funds in specified amounts for highway maintenance, in addition to any other funds appropriated for that purpose. Amounts are: \$70.4 million for 2003-2004, \$140.8 million for 2004-2005, \$211.2 million for 2005-2006, \$281.6 million for 2006-2007, \$352 million for 2007-2008 and subsequent fiscal years. Effective July 1, 2002.

Intro. by Cunningham.

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