

April 9, 2003

H 965. FAILURE TO YIELD CAUSING DEATH OR INJURIES. *TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR PERSONS WHO CAUSE INJURY OR DEATH WHEN FAILING TO YIELD THE RIGHT-OF-WAY UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.* Adds new GS 20-160.1 creating new penalties for failure to yield to an emergency vehicle or "at highway construction or maintenance" when driver is entering an intersection or roadway or turning left at a stop or yield sign. Fines imposed in the amount of \$1,000 and six month suspension of drivers license when death results from the violation; \$500 and 90-day license suspension when bodily injury results; and \$200 and 30-day license suspension if violation did not result in bodily injury or death. Effective Dec. 1, 2003.

Intro. by Hill.

Ref. to Judiciary III

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April 30, 2003

H 965. FAILURE TO YIELD CAUSING DEATH OR INJURIES. Intro. 4/9/03. House committee substitute adopted 4/29/03 makes the following changes to 1st edition. Reorganizes GS 20-160.1 and amends GS 20-160.1(a) to provide that penalties apply unless another law imposes greater punishment for conduct. Adds definition of "bodily injury," changes reference in GS 20-160.1(a)(2) from "great" to "serious" bodily injury and adds definition of that term. Makes technical changes.

May 1, 2003

H 965. FAILURE TO YIELD CAUSING DEATH OR INJURIES. Intro. 4/9/03. House amendment adopted 4/30/03 makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Amends GS 20-160.1(a) by providing that failure to yield while turning (was, turning left) at a stop or yield sign is punishable as stated in act.

June 30, 2004

H 965. INCREASE PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO YIELD (NEW). Intro. 4/9/03. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 3rd edition. Amends GS 20-160.1 by deleting fines imposed for failure to yield to a pedestrian that causes bodily injury and death. Enacts new GS 20-158(b)(2)b. to require that a vehicle yield when pedestrians are in reasonably close proximity to intersection and are preparing to cross, and to authorize a court to assess a penalty for failure to yield to pedestrian of \$100 to \$500. Amends GS 20-16(c) to impose four license points for failure to yield to pedestrian, bicycle, motor scooter, or motorcycle, and impose five points for commercial vehicles. Requires that NC Rate Bureau assign one insurance point for failure to yield to a pedestrian. Requires that Dep't of Transportation collect data on violations of GS 20-158(b)(2)b. and report annually to General Assembly beginning Jan. 1, 2006. Encourages DOT and local governmental entities to issue public service announcements informing public of obligation to yield to pedestrians. Changes effective date to Dec. 1, 2004 (was, Dec. 1, 2003). Makes technical changes.

August 6, 2004

SL 2004-172 (H 965). INCREASE PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO YIELD. *AN ACT TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR PERSONS WHO CAUSE SERIOUS BODILY INJURY WHEN FAILING TO YIELD THE RIGHT-OF-WAY UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; TO CLARIFY WHEN A PEDESTRIAN HAS THE RIGHT-OF-WAY AT AN INTERSECTION WHERE TRAFFIC IS ALLOWED TO TURN RIGHT ON A RED LIGHT, TO INCREASE THE PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO YIELD THE RIGHT-OF-WAY TO A PEDESTRIAN WHEN TURNING RIGHT AT A RED LIGHT; TO INCREASE THE DRIVERS LICENSE POINTS ASSESSED FOR FAILURE TO YIELD THE RIGHT-OF-WAY TO A BICYCLE, MOTOR SCOOTER, MOTORCYCLE, OR PEDESTRIAN; AND TO COLLECT DATA REGARDING PEDESTRIAN ACCIDENTS WHERE VEHICLES ARE TURNING RIGHT AT A RED LIGHT.* Summarized in *Daily Bulletin* 4/9/03, 4/30/03, 5/1/03, and 6/30/04. Enacted August 2, 2004. Effective December 1, 2004.