

March 7, 2007

H 563. TRAFFIC AND PERSONAL SAFETY CHANGES. Filed 3/7/07. *TO MAKE CHANGES IN MOTOR VEHICLE LAW REGARDING THE WEARING OF A SAFETY HELMET BY USE OF A RETENTION STRAP, WHAT "PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLE" MEANS, CHANGING THE WORD STOPLIGHT TO TRAFFIC SIGNAL, AND CHANGING THE TIME ALLOWED FOR REMOVAL OF A VEHICLE FROM A PUBLIC HIGHWAY OR REST AREA.*

Amends GS 20-140.4 to require motorcycle and moped operators and passengers to wear safety helmets that comply with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 218 (was, wear safety helmets of a type approved by the Commission of Motor Vehicles) on their heads, secured by a retention strap. Amends GS 20-157(f) to remove from the definition of *public service vehicle* the requirement that the vehicle was called to the scene by a motorist or law enforcement officer. Amends GS 20-158(b) to provide that when a traffic signal is not working, the intersection is to be treated as a four-way stop unless traffic at the intersection is being directed by a law enforcement officer or other traffic control device. Amends GS 20-158 to replace the term *stoplight* with *traffic signal*. Amends GS 20-161(e) to decrease the time at which the removal of a vehicle from a public highway or rest area (was, public highway) is allowed from 48 hours to 24 hours. Amends GS 20-161(f) to allow law enforcement officers to immediately remove vehicles or other personal property creating a hazard from the state highway system (was, a controlled access highway).

Intro. by Sutton, Stiller.

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April 26, 2007

H 563. TRAFFIC AND PERSONAL SAFETY CHANGES. Filed 3/7/07. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Makes January 1, 2008, the effective date for provisions in GS 20-140.4 proposing changes in motor vehicle law to require the wearing of safety helmets by operators and passengers of motorcycles and mopeds on highways or public vehicular areas. Makes a technical correction to GS 20-140.4.

July 16, 2007

H 563. TRAFFIC & PERSONAL SAFETY CHANGES/PROTESTS (NEW). Filed 3/7/07. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Deletes proposed amendments to GS 20-140.4, concerning wearing a safety helmet with a retention strap. Enacts new GS 20-174.2 allowing municipalities and counties to adopt ordinances regulating gatherings, picket lines, or protests occurring on state roads and highways. Provides that municipalities and counties are not allowed to impose restrictions on licensees, employees, or contractors of the Department of Transportation or of a municipality who are engaged in construction, maintenance, or traffic or engineering surveys. Makes conforming changes to the title and the effective date.

July 17, 2007

H 563. TRAFFIC & PERSONAL SAFETY CHANGES/PROTESTS. Filed 3/7/07. Senate amendment makes the following changes to 3rd edition. Effective January 1, 2008, amends GS 20-140.4 to prohibit a person from operating a motorcycle or moped without wearing a safety helmet with a retention strap properly secured and in compliance with federal standards. Makes a conforming title change.

August 27, 2007

SL 2007-360 (H 563). TRAFFIC AND PERSONAL SAFETY CHANGES/PROTESTS. AN ACT TO MAKE CHANGES IN MOTOR VEHICLE LAW REGARDING WHAT "PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLE" MEANS, CHANGING THE WORD STOPLIGHT TO TRAFFIC SIGNAL, CHANGING THE TIME ALLOWED FOR REMOVAL OF A VEHICLE FROM A PUBLIC HIGHWAY OR REST AREA, AUTHORIZING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO ADOPT ORDINANCES REGULATING DEMONSTRATIONS ON STATE ROADS AND HIGHWAYS, AND THE WEARING OF A SAFETY HELMET BY USE OF A RETENTION STRAP. Summarized in *Daily Bulletin* 3/7/07, 4/26/07, 7/16/07, and 7/17/07. Enacted August 17, 2007. Section 7 is effective January 1, 2008. The remainder is effective August 17, 2007.

