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H 759. DOT MAINTENANCE PROGRAM/DMV REGISTRATION. Filed 3/14/07. TO DEVELOP PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND TO MODIFY MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS.

(1) Amends GS 136-44.3 to require the Department of Transportation to establish performance standards for the maintenance and operation of the state highway system, and to make its biennial reports on the condition of the state highway system provide estimates of the costs of meeting and sustaining the established performance standards in lieu of estimates of particular enumerated projects. Changes the due date for the report to be sent to the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight committee from November 30 to December 31 of each even-numbered year. (2) Enacts new GS 136-33.2A directing that signs marking the beginning of reduced speed zones be erected at least 600 feet in advance of the new speed zone. (3) Amends GS 20-52(a) to require that owners of vehicles subject to registration by the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) must provide the owner's North Carolina driver's license number or North Carolina special identification card on the registration application form. (4) Amends GS 20-54, authorizing DMV to refuse registration or issuance of a certificate of title under certain circumstances, by providing in subsection (4) that refusal not be mandated where registration is suspended or revoked but registration is necessary to abide by the ignition interlock installation requirements of GS 20-17-8, and by including in subsection (5) that refusal may be because any additional registration or taxes due pursuant to GS 20-91(c) have not been paid. (5) Amends GS 20-54.1(a) to provide that DMV may not revoke registration of motor vehicles in the name of a person convicted of driving while impaired where necessary to abide by the ignition interlock installation requirements of GS 20-17-8. (6) Amends GS 20-91(c) to provide that the failure of any motor vehicle registrant to pay additional registration fees or taxes within 30 days after the billing date constitutes cause for the denial of registration of a vehicle registered through the International Registration Plan. Intro. by Carney. GS 20, 136