

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT

Senate Bill 368

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Senator Nesbitt

moves to amend the bill on page 1, line 26 through page 2, line 23, by rewriting those lines to read:

SECTION 2.(a) Part 12 of Article 3 of Chapter 20 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"'<u>§ 20-178.1. Payment and review of civil penalty imposed by Department of Crime</u> Control and Public Safety.

- (a) Procedure. A person who is assessed a civil penalty under this Article by the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety must pay the penalty within 30 calendar days after the date the penalty was assessed or make a written request within this time limit to the Department for a Departmental review of the penalty. A request for review must state the basis for the objection and explain why the person against whom the penalty was assessed believes the penalty was imposed in error. A person who does not submit a request for review within the required time waives the right to a review and hearing on the penalty.
- (b) Department Review. Upon receiving a request to review a penalty, the Department must review the information in the request for review and the Department's records to determine if the penalty was properly assessed. The Department must send the person who submitted the request for review written notice of its decision on the penalty. A penalty must be paid within 60 days after the Department gives written notice of its decision on the penalty.
- (c) OAH Hearing. A person who is dissatisfied with the Department's decision after its review of the penalty may pay the penalty under protest and file a petition for a contested case hearing under G.S. 150B-23. A petition to OAH must certify that the penalty has been paid.
- (d) Judicial Review. Except as provided in this subsection, Article 4 of Chapter 150B of the General Statutes governs judicial review of a final decision made after a contested case hearing on a penalty that is subject to this section. To obtain judicial review of a final decision on a penalty subject to this section, the person seeking review must file the petition in the Superior Court of Wake County or in the superior court of the county in which the penalty was assessed.
- (e) Interest. Interest accrues on a penalty that is overdue. A penalty is overdue if it is not paid within the time required by this section. Interest is payable on a penalty assessed in error from the date the penalty was paid. The interest rate set in G.S. 105-241.21 applies to interest payable under this section.'

SECTION 2.(b) G.S. 20-382.2 reads as rewritten:



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1 2 3	'§ 20-382.2. Penalty for failure to comply with registration or insurance verification requirements.
	(b) Poyment Dayment and Dayrayy When the Department of Crime Control and
4	(b) Payment Payment and Review. — When the Department of Crime Control and
5	Public Safety finds that a for-hire motor vehicle is operated in this State in violation of the
6	registration and insurance verification requirements of this Part, the Department must place the
7	motor vehicle shall be placed out of service until the motor carrier is in compliance and the
8	penalty imposed under this section is paid unless the officer that imposes the penalty
9	determines that operation of the motor vehicle will not jeopardize collection of the penalty. A
10	motor carrier that denies liability for a penalty imposed under this section may pay the penalty
11 12	under protest and apply to the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety for a
13	hearing follow the procedure in G.S. 20-137.5 for a Departmental review of the penalty and a hearing on the penalty.
14	(c) Hearing Judicial Restriction. — Upon receiving a request for a hearing, the Secretary
15	of Crime Control and Public Safety shall schedule a hearing within 30 days after receipt of the
16	request. If after the hearing the Secretary of Crime Control and Public Safety determines that
17	the motor carrier was not liable for the penalty, the amount collected shall be refunded. If after
18	the hearing the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety determines that the motor
19	carrier was liable for the penalty, the motor carrier may bring an action in the Superior Court of
20	Wake County against the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety for refund of the
21	penalty. A court of this State may not issue a restraining order or an injunction to restrain or
22	enjoin the collection of the a penalty imposed under this section or to permit the operation of
23	the a vehicle placed out of service under this section without payment of the penalty.
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25	SECTION 2.(c) G.S. 150B-1(e)(14) is repealed.";
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27	and on page 7, line 46 by rewriting the line to read:
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