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SENATE DRS45297-ML-143 (03/10)

Short Title: Highway Quick Clearance Amendments.-AB (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Daniel, Meredith, and Robinson (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO AMEND AND CLARIFY THE STATUTES GOVERNING THE CLEARANCE  
3 OF WRECKED VEHICLES AND OTHER TRAFFIC OBSTACLES FROM PUBLIC  
4 HIGHWAYS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF  
5 TRANSPORTATION.  
6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:  
7 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-161(f) reads as rewritten:  
8 "(f) ~~Any~~An investigating law enforcement officer, with the concurrence of the  
9 Department of Transportation, or the Department of Transportation, with the concurrence of the  
10 investigating law enforcement officer, may immediately remove or cause to be removed from  
11 the State highway system any wrecked, abandoned, disabled, unattended, burned, or partially  
12 dismantled vehicle, cargo, or other personal property interfering with the regular flow of traffic  
13 or which otherwise constitutes a hazard. In the event of a motor vehicle crash involving serious  
14 personal injury or death, no removal shall occur until the investigating law enforcement officer  
15 determines that adequate information has been obtained for preparation of a crash report. No  
16 state or local law enforcement officer, Department of Transportation employee, or person or  
17 firm contracting or assisting in the removal or disposition of any such vehicle, cargo, or other  
18 personal property shall be held criminally or civilly liable for any damage or economic injury  
19 related to carrying out or enforcing the provisions of this section."  
20 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to any  
21 obstructions to traffic arising on or after 12:01 A.M. of the day following that date.

