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HOUSE BILL DRH30163-ML-131A (03/10)

Short Title: Block MV Reg./Unpaid Parking Fines in W-S. (Local)

Sponsors: Representative Terry.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO REFUSE  
3 REGISTRATION OR ISSUANCE OF A CERTIFICATE OF TITLE OR ANY  
4 TRANSFER OF REGISTRATION IF THE CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM HAS  
5 NOTIFIED THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES THAT THE OWNER OF THE  
6 MOTOR VEHICLE HAS UNPAID PARKING FINES OR PENALTIES.  
7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:  
8 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-54 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:  
9 "(14) A city has notified the Division pursuant to G.S. 160A-301(f) that the owner  
10 of the vehicle has not paid the amount of fines or penalties imposed upon the  
11 owner for committing a parking violation."  
12 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 160A-301 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:  
13 "(f) A city may notify the Division of Motor Vehicles that a person has failed to pay any  
14 fine or penalty imposed for a violation of an ordinance adopted pursuant to this section. Upon  
15 receiving notice from the city and pursuant to G.S. 20-54, the Division shall refuse registration  
16 or issuance of a certificate of title or any transfer of registration for a motor vehicle owned by  
17 the person who failed to pay the fine or penalty. The Division of Motor Vehicles shall continue  
18 to refuse registration or issuance of a certificate of title or any transfer of registration until the  
19 city notifies the Division of Motor Vehicles that the person has (i) demonstrated to the city that  
20 he or she is not the person charged with the offense in which the fine was imposed, (ii) paid the  
21 fine or penalty owed to the city, or (iii) demonstrated to the city that he or she is making a  
22 good-faith effort to pay the fine or penalty. The provisions of this subsection shall be in  
23 addition to any other actions a city may take to enforce the payment of any fine or penalty  
24 imposed for a violation of an ordinance adopted pursuant to this section."  
25 **SECTION 3.** This act applies to the City of Winston-Salem only.  
26 **SECTION 4.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2017, and applies to any  
27 fines or penalties imposed on or after that date.

