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HOUSE BILL DRH40255-LH-100 (03/17)

Short Title: SOS/Save Our Street Signs.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Clampitt.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTY FOR DAMAGING OR REMOVING STREET
3 SIGNS AND PROVIDING THAT REWARD FUNDS FOR INFORMATION LEADING
4 TO THE ARREST AND CONVICTION OF A PERSON WHO DAMAGES OR
5 REMOVES STREET SIGNS SHALL BE DEDUCTED FROM THE 911 FUND.
6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
7 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 136-33 reads as rewritten:
8 "**§ 136-33. Damaging or removing signs; rewards.**
9 (a) No person shall willfully deface, damage, knock down or remove any sign posted as
10 provided in G.S. 136-26 or G.S. 136-30.
11 (b) No person, without just cause or excuse, shall have in his possession any highway
12 sign as provided in G.S. 136-26 or G.S. 136-30.
13 (b1) Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a Class ~~2-1~~
14 misdemeanor.
15 (c) The Department of Transportation is authorized to offer a reward not to exceed ~~five~~
16 ~~hundred dollars (\$500.00)~~ one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for information leading to the arrest
17 and conviction of persons who violate the provisions of this section, such reward to be paid
18 from funds of the ~~Department of Transportation~~ 911 Fund established under G.S. 143B-1404.
19 (d) The enforcement of this section shall be the specific responsibility and duty of the
20 State Highway Patrol in addition to all other law-enforcement agencies and officers within this
21 State."
22 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 143B-1404 reads as rewritten:
23 "**§ 143B-1404. 911 Fund.**
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25 (a1) Reward Funds. – The 911 Board shall deduct and retain one percent (1%) of the
26 total service charges remitted to it under G.S. 143B-1403 for deposit in the 911 Fund for the
27 purpose of funding the reward under G.S. 136-33(c).
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29 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2017.

