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HOUSE BILL DRH30278-ML-137A (03/13)

Short Title: CMVs/Use of Platoons.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Torbett.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE LAWS REGULATING THE DISTANCE BETWEEN  
3 MOTOR VEHICLES TRAVELING ON THE ROAD DO NOT APPLY TO ANY  
4 NONLEADING COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE TRAVELING WITHIN A  
5 PLATOON.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-152 reads as rewritten:

8 "**§ 20-152. Following too closely.**

9 (a) The driver of a motor vehicle shall not follow another vehicle more closely than is  
10 reasonable and prudent, having due regard for the speed of such vehicles and the traffic upon  
11 and the condition of the highway.

12 (b) The driver of any motor vehicle traveling upon a highway outside of a business or  
13 residential district and following another motor vehicle shall, whenever conditions permit,  
14 leave sufficient space so that an overtaking vehicle may enter and occupy such space without  
15 danger, except that this shall not prevent a motor vehicle from overtaking and passing another  
16 motor vehicle. This provision shall not apply to funeral processions.

17 (c) Subsections (a) and (b) of this section shall not apply to the driver of any nonleading  
18 commercial motor vehicle traveling in a platoon with other commercial motor vehicles. For  
19 purposes of this subsection, the term "platoon" means a group of individual commercial motor  
20 vehicles traveling in a unified manner through the use of an electronically interconnected  
21 braking system."

22 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2017. Prosecutions for offenses  
23 committed before the effective date of this act are not abated or affected by this act, and the  
24 statutes that would be applicable but for this act remain applicable to those prosecutions.



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