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HOUSE BILL 716
PROPOSED SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE H716-PCS10362-RW-25

Short Title: CMVs/Use of Platoons.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

April 11, 2017

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 NON-LEADING COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE TRAVELING WITHIN A
5 PLATOON WHERE AUTHORIZED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF
6 TRANSPORTATION.

7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

9 "**§ 20-152. Following too closely.**

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

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

18 (c) Subsections (a) and (b) of this section shall not apply to the driver of any
19 non-leading commercial motor vehicle traveling in a platoon on any roadway where the
20 Department of Transportation has by traffic ordinance authorized travel by platoon. For
21 purposes of this subsection, the term "platoon" means a group of individual commercial motor
22 vehicles traveling in a unified manner through the use of an electronically interconnected
23 braking system."

24 **SECTION 2.** The Department shall submit a report on the implementation of this
25 act to the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee on or before April 1, 2018.

26 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2017. Prosecutions for offenses
27 committed before the effective date of this act are not abated or affected by this act, and the
28 statutes that would be applicable but for this act remain applicable to those prosecutions.



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