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SENATE BILL DRS15376-MWfa-130

Short Title: DOT Legislative Changes.-AB (Public)

Sponsors: Senators McInnis, Sawyer, and Britt (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO MAKE CHANGES TO LAWS RELATED TO TRANSPORTATION, AS  
3 RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.  
4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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6 **PENALIZE FAILURE TO INSPECT MOTOR VEHICLE BEFORE RETAIL SALE**

7 **SECTION 1.(a)** G.S. 20-183.8(a) reads as rewritten:

8 "(a) Infractions. – A person who does any of the following commits an infraction and, if  
9 found responsible, is liable for a penalty of up to fifty dollars (\$50.00):

10 ...

11 (5) Fails to inspect a used motor vehicle before it is offered for retail sale, as  
12 required by G.S. 20-183.4C. This subdivision only applies to motor vehicle  
13 dealers, as defined in G.S. 20-286."

14 **SECTION 1.(b)** This section becomes effective December 1, 2022, and applies to  
15 offenses committed on or after that date.

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17 **REQUIRE IDENTIFICATION TO TITLE AND REGISTER A COMPANY VEHICLE**

18 **SECTION 2.(a)** G.S. 20-52 reads as rewritten:

19 "§ 20-52. **Application for registration and certificate of title.**

20 (a) An owner of a vehicle subject to registration must apply to the Division for a  
21 certificate of title, a registration plate, and a registration card for the vehicle. To apply, an owner  
22 must complete an application provided by the Division. The application shall contain a preprinted  
23 option that co-owners may use to title the vehicle as a joint tenancy with right of survivorship.  
24 The co-owners' designation of a joint tenancy with right of survivorship on the application shall  
25 be valid notwithstanding whether this designation appears on the assignment of title. The  
26 application must request all of the following information and may request other information the  
27 Division considers necessary:

28 ...

29 (1b) If the owner is a firm, partnership, a corporation, or another entity, the address  
30 of the ~~entity~~-entity and a drivers license number or identification card number  
31 belonging to a responsible member of the entity.

32 ...."

33 **SECTION 2.(b)** This section becomes effective October 1, 2022.

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35 **FEE FOR RECORDS REQUESTS**

36 **SECTION 3.(a)** G.S. 20-43.1 reads as rewritten:



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1 **"§ 20-43.1. Disclosure of personal information in motor vehicle records.**

2 ...  
3 (e1) The Division may provide copies of individual motor vehicle and drivers license  
4 records to authorized individuals seeking verification of information regarding license numbers,  
5 ownership, or liability insurance upon written request and payment of a fee of one dollar (\$1.00)  
6 per individual record.

7 ...."

8 **SECTION 3.(b)** G.S. 20-4.02 reads as rewritten:

9 **"§ 20-4.02. Quadrennial adjustment of certain fees and rates.**

10 (a) Adjustment for Inflation. – Beginning July 1, 2020, and every four years thereafter,  
11 the Division shall adjust the fees and rates imposed pursuant to the statutes listed in this  
12 subsection for inflation in accordance with the Consumer Price Index computed by the Bureau  
13 of Labor Statistics. The adjustment for per transaction rates in subdivision (8a) of this subsection  
14 shall be rounded to the nearest cent and all other adjustments under this subsection shall be  
15 rounded to the nearest twenty-five cents (25¢):

16 ...

17 (8) G.S. 20-42(b).

18 (8a) G.S. 20-43.1(e1), with respect to the per individual record fee set in that  
19 subsection.

20 ~~(8a)~~(8b) G.S. 20-63(h), with respect to the per transaction rates set in that  
21 subsection.

22 (9) G.S. 20-85(a)(1) through (10).

23 ...."

24 **SECTION 3.(c)** This section becomes effective July 1, 2022.

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26 **EXEMPT FROM TAXES AND FEES VEHICLES TO BE USED BY A STATE AGENCY**  
27 **FOR RESEARCH OR DEMONSTRATION PROJECT**

28 **SECTION 4.(a)** G.S. 105-187.6(a) is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

29 "(13) To be used by a State agency in a research pilot or demonstration project."

30 **SECTION 4.(b)** G.S. 20-85(c) reads as rewritten:

31 "(c) The Division shall not collect a fee for a certificate of title for a motor vehicle entitled  
32 to a permanent registration plate under G.S. 20-84. The Division shall not collect a fee for a  
33 certificate of title for a motor vehicle to be used by a State agency in a research pilot or  
34 demonstration project."

35 **SECTION 4.(c)** G.S. 20-87 reads as rewritten:

36 **"§ 20-87. Passenger vehicle registration fees.**

37 (a) These fees shall be paid to the Division annually for the registration and licensing of  
38 passenger vehicles, according to the following classifications and schedules:

39 ...

40 (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, the Division shall not collect a  
41 registration fee for a motor vehicle to be used by a State agency in a research pilot or  
42 demonstration project."

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44 **INCLUDE RAIL EQUIPMENT WITHIN MEANING OF HIGHWAY**  
45 **CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE, OR REPAIR FOR PURPOSES OF**  
46 **CONTRACTING**

47 **SECTION 5.** G.S. 136-28.1(c) reads as rewritten:

48 "(c) The construction, maintenance, and repair of rail equipment, ferryboats and all other  
49 marine floating equipment and the construction and repair of all types of docks by the Department  
50 of Transportation shall be deemed highway construction, maintenance, or repair for the purpose  
51 of G.S. 136-28.1 and Chapter 44A and Chapter 143C of the General Statutes, the State Budget

1 Act. In cases of a written determination by the Secretary of Transportation that the requirement  
2 for compatibility does not make public advertising feasible for the repair of rail equipment or  
3 ferryboats, the public advertising as well as the soliciting of informal bids may be waived."  
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5 **INCLUDE NEVI AND CRP FEDERAL FUNDS WITHIN THE STI DIVISION NEED**  
6 **PROJECTS ALTERNATE CRITERIA**

7 **SECTION 6.** G.S. 136-189.11(d)(3)b. reads as rewritten:

8 "b. Alternate criteria. – Funding from the following programs shall be  
9 included in the computation of each of the Department division equal  
10 shares but shall be subject to alternate quantitative criteria:

11 ...

12 3a. Federal National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI)  
13 Program formula funds appropriated to the State.

14 3b. Federal Carbon Reduction Program formula funds  
15 appropriated to the State.

16 ...."  
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18 **CLARIFY APPLICATION OF NET PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF**  
19 **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION LAND**

20 **SECTION 7.(a)** G.S. 146-30(d)(4) reads as rewritten:

21 "(4) No service charge into the State Land Fund shall be deducted from or levied  
22 against the proceeds of any disposition by sale, lease, rental, or easement of  
23 lands (i) owned by the Department of Transportation or (ii) owned by the  
24 Department of Administration and solely maintained by the Department of  
25 Transportation. All net proceeds of these dispositions shall be deposited into  
26 the State Highway Fund."

27 **SECTION 7.(b)** G.S. 136-16 reads as rewritten:

28 **"§ 136-16. Funds and property converted to State Highway Fund.**

29 Except as otherwise provided in this Chapter, all funds and property collected by the  
30 Department of Transportation shall be paid or converted into the State Highway Fund. For the  
31 purposes of this section, funds include net proceeds from the sale of real property owned by the  
32 Department or owned by the Department of Administration and solely maintained  
33 by the Department of Transportation."  
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35 **REVISE THE DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS PROGRAM AND EXTEND TO 2027**

36 **SECTION 8.** G.S. 136-28.4 reads as rewritten:

37 **"§ 136-28.4. State policy concerning participation by disadvantaged minority-owned and**  
38 **women-owned businesses in transportation contracts.**

39 ...

40 (c) The following definitions apply in this section:

41 (1) "Contract" includes, but is not limited to, contracts let under the procedures  
42 set forth in ~~G.S. 136-28.1(a) and (b)~~G.S. 136-28.1(a), (b), and (f).

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44 (e) This section expires ~~August 31, 2022~~August 31, 2027."  
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46 **EFFECTIVE DATE**

47 **SECTION 9.** Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes  
48 law.