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HOUSE BILL DRH40563-MLa-132

Short Title: Increase Punishment for Failure to Yield. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Alston.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO MAKE IT A CLASS 2 MISDEMEANOR FOR A PERSON WHO COMMITS
3 THE OFFENSE OF FAILURE TO YIELD AND THE OFFENSE RESULTS IN SERIOUS
4 BODILY INJURY AND TO APPROPRIATE NONRECURRING FUNDS TO THE
5 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS TO COVER COSTS INCURRED FROM
6 ENFORCING THE LAW REVISED BY THIS ACT.

7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-160.1(a) reads as rewritten:

9 "(a) Unless the conduct is covered under some other law providing greater punishment, a
10 person who commits the offense of failure to yield while approaching or entering an intersection,
11 turning at a stop or yield sign, entering a roadway, upon the approach of an emergency vehicle,
12 or at highway construction or maintenance shall be punished under this section. When there is
13 serious bodily injury but no death resulting from the violation, the violator is guilty of a Class 2
14 misdemeanor, which shall be fined include a fine of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) and the and,
15 upon conviction, revocation of the violator's drivers license or commercial drivers license shall
16 be suspended for 90 days."

17 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Administrative
18 Office of the Courts (AOC) the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) in nonrecurring
19 funds for the 2024-2025 fiscal year to be used to cover any nonrecurring costs incurred by AOC
20 from enforcing the provisions set forth in G.S. 20-160.1(a), as revised by Section 1 of this act.

21 **SECTION 3.** Section 1 of this act becomes effective December 1, 2024, and applies
22 to offenses committed on or after that date. The remainder of this act becomes effective July 1,
23 2024.

