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HOUSE BILL DRH30212-MW-77

Short Title: Commercial Vehicle & Cargo Protection. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Branson.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO ENACT THE COMMERCIAL VEHICLE AND CARGO PROTECTION ACT.
3 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

4 **SECTION 1.** Article 7 of Chapter 20 of the General Statutes is amended by adding
5 a new section to read:

6 "**§ 20-219.3A. Commercial booting.**

7 A commercial motor vehicle shall not be immobilized using a device such as a boot or any
8 other device. Using an immobilization device on a commercial vehicle will be deemed a
9 misdemeanor."

10 **SECTION 2.** Article 7A of Chapter 20 of the General Statutes is amended by adding
11 a new section to read:

12 "**§ 20-219.15. Return of commercial cargo.**

13 Notwithstanding G.S. 20-219.10(a) to the contrary, a tower of a nonconsensual tow or
14 government-initiated tow shall promptly return any commercial cargo towed by the tower to the
15 owner of the commercial cargo or to a designee of the owner. In the case of a trailer containing
16 commercial cargo, the tower shall allow the trailer containing the commercial cargo to be
17 exchanged with a different trailer that is in equal or better condition."

18 **SECTION 3.** Section 1 of this act becomes effective December 1, 2025, and applies
19 to offenses charged on or after that date. The remainder of this act is effective when it becomes
20 law.

