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HOUSE BILL DRH30593-BRa-14

Short Title: Mandate Mowing in May for Major Events. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Almond.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO MOW THE  
3 HIGHWAY RIGHTS-OF-WAY LOCATED WITHIN A FIVE-MILE RADIUS OF  
4 CERTAIN MAJOR SPORTING EVENTS IN THE MONTH OF MAY AT THE REQUEST  
5 OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROHIBITION ON  
6 MOWING IN MAY; AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF  
7 TRANSPORTATION TO CONDUCT THE MOWING.

8 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

9 SECTION 1. G.S. 136-28.12 reads as rewritten:

10 "§ 136-28.12. Litter removal coordinated with mowing of highway rights-of-way.

11 (a) For State-maintained roads, the Department of Transportation shall coordinate litter  
12 removal and mowing as follows:

13 (1) If the highway right-of-way to be mowed is part of the primary road system,  
14 the Department shall schedule the removal of litter before the right-of-way is  
15 mowed.

16 (2) If the highway right-of-way to be mowed is part of the secondary road system,  
17 the Department shall schedule, to the extent practicable, the removal of litter  
18 before the right-of-way is mowed.

19 (3) The Department shall not schedule mowing of highway rights-of-way during  
20 the month of ~~May~~ May except as provided in this subdivision. Upon request  
21 of a local government in which a sporting event that expects no less than five  
22 thousand (5,000) attendees is scheduled to be held in the month of May, the  
23 Department shall mow highway rights-of-way located within a five (5) mile  
24 radius of the location of the sporting event. A local government shall submit  
25 such a request to the district engineer having jurisdiction no less than thirty  
26 (30) days prior to the date on which the sporting event is scheduled, and the  
27 Department shall mow the rights-of way in the specified radius surrounding  
28 the event not more than seven (7) days and not less than two (2) days prior to  
29 the scheduled date for the event.

30 (b) The Department shall require as a term of any contract to mow or remove litter that  
31 the contracting party agree to the provisions in subsection (a) of this section."

32 SECTION 2. The sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) from the General Fund is  
33 appropriated to the North Carolina Department of Transportation in nonrecurring funds for the  
34 2025-2026 fiscal year for administration and operational costs related to providing mowing  
35 requested by local governments.

36 SECTION 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.



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