

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1961 SESSION

CHAPTER 460
HOUSE BILL 224

1 AN ACT TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA DRIVERS' POINT SYSTEM SO AS TO
2 REVISE THE POINT VALUES FOR CERTAIN OFFENSES; TO INCREASE TO
3 THREE YEARS THE PERIOD DURING WHICH THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF
4 POINTS CAN BE ACCUMULATED; AND TO PROVIDE FOR CONSIDERATION OF
5 OUT-OF-STATE CONVICTIONS IN DRIVER POINT ACCUMULATIONS.
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7 The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:
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9 **Section 1.** G.S. 20-16(a) 1959 Cumulative Supplement is hereby amended by
10 rewriting Subdivision "5" thereof to read as follows:

11 "5. Has, under the provisions of Subsection (c) of this Section, within a
12 three-year period, accumulated twelve (12) or more points, or eight (8) or
13 more points in the three-year period immediately following the reinstatement
14 of a license which has been suspended or revoked because of a conviction
15 for one or more traffic offenses;"

16 **Sec. 2.** G.S. 20-16(c) is hereby amended by striking out all of that subsection
17 preceding the "No" at the beginning of line twenty-four (24) thereof, and inserting in lieu
18 thereof the following:

19 "(c) The Department shall maintain a record of convictions of every person licensed or
20 required to be licensed under the provisions of this Article as an operator or chauffeur and shall
21 enter therein records of all convictions of such persons for any violation of the motor vehicle
22 laws of this State and shall assign to the record of such person, as of the date of commission for
23 the offense, a number of points for every such conviction in accordance with the following
24 schedule of convictions and points, except that points shall not be assessed for convictions
25 resulting in suspensions or revocations under other provisions of laws:

26 "Schedule of Point Values

27	Passing stopped school bus	5
28	Reckless driving	4
29	Hit and run, property damage only	4
30	Following too close	4
31	Driving on wrong side of road	4
32	Illegal passing	4
33	Running through stop sign	3
34	Speeding in excess of 55 miles per hour	3
35	Failing to yield right of way	3
36	Running through red light	3
37	No operator's license or license expired more than one year	3
38	Failure to stop for siren	3
39	Driving through safety zone	3
40	No liability insurance	3
41	Failure to report accident where such report is required	3
42	All other moving violations	2."

1 **Sec. 2(a).** The provisions of this Act shall only apply to violations and convictions
2 which take place within the State of North Carolina.

3 **Sec. 3.** All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

4 **Sec. 4.** Section 1 of this Act shall be effective on and after July 1, 1961 as to
5 convictions occurring on and after said date, while G.S. 20-16(a)5 as the same has heretofore
6 been written shall remain in effect as to convictions occurring before July 1, 1961. Convictions
7 occurring before July 1, 1961 shall not be effected by this Act nor shall points therefore be
8 accumulated for more than twenty-four (24) months, but points assessed for convictions
9 occurring on and after July 1, 1961 may be accumulated with points assessed for convictions
10 occurring prior to July 1, 1961 for purposes of suspension under the provisions of
11 G.S. 20-16(a)5 as the same is hereby rewritten or as has heretofore been written. Sections 2 and
12 3 of this Act shall be effective on and after July 1, 1961.

13 In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 19th day of May,
14 1961.