

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
1977 SESSION

CHAPTER 731  
HOUSE BILL 1133

AN ACT TO PERMIT TURNS THROUGH MEDIAN BY STATE HIGHWAY PATROLMEN.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**Section 1.** G.S. 20-140.3 is hereby amended by adding a new subdivision to be designated "(7)" and to read as follows:

"(7) Notwithstanding any other subdivision of this section, a member of the State Highway Patrol may cross the median of a divided highway when he has reasonable grounds to believe that a felony is being or has been committed, has personal knowledge that a vehicle is being operated at a speed or in a manner which is likely to endanger persons or property, or the patrol member has reasonable grounds to believe that his presence is immediately required at a location which would necessitate his crossing a median of a divided highway for this purpose."

**Sec. 2.** G.S. 136-89.58 is hereby amended by adding a new subdivision to be designated "(7)" and to read as follows:

"(7) Notwithstanding any other subdivision of this section, a member of the State Highway Patrol may cross the median of a divided highway when he has reasonable grounds to believe that a felony is being or has been committed, has personal knowledge that a vehicle is being operated at a speed or in a manner which is likely to endanger persons or property, or the patrol member has reasonable grounds to believe that his presence is immediately required at a location which would necessitate his crossing a median of a divided highway for this purpose."

**Sec. 3.** This act shall become effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 24th day of June, 1977.