

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2009**

**SESSION LAW 2009-528  
HOUSE BILL 889**

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PENALTY FOR MISDEMEANOR DEATH BY MOTOR  
VEHICLE FROM A CLASS 1 MISDEMEANOR TO A CLASS A1 MISDEMEANOR.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-141.4(b) reads as rewritten:

"(b) Punishments. – Unless the conduct is covered under some other provision of law providing greater punishment, the following classifications apply to the offenses set forth in this section:

- (1) Aggravated felony death by vehicle is a Class D felony.
- (2) Felony death by vehicle is a Class E felony.
- (3) Aggravated felony serious injury by vehicle is a Class E felony.
- (4) Felony serious injury by vehicle is a Class F felony.
- (5) Misdemeanor death by vehicle is a Class ~~A1~~ misdemeanor."

**SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2009, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2009.

s/ Walter H. Dalton  
President of the Senate

s/ Joe Hackney  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ Beverly E. Perdue  
Governor

Approved 9:25 a.m. this 27<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2009

