

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

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**HOUSE BILL 1249**

Short Title: Trucking Safety Study.

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Sponsors: Representatives C. Wilson, Goodwin (Primary Sponsors); Gibson and Luebke.

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Referred to: Rules, Calendar and Operations of the House.

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April 15, 1999

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

**AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO  
CONDUCT A TRUCKING SAFETY INTENSIVE ENFORCEMENT STUDY AND  
TO REPORT THE RESULTS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. The Department of Transportation shall coordinate a study on the effects of intensive enforcement of all trucking safety-related laws on a designated portion of an interstate highway within this State.

Section 2. The Department of Transportation shall coordinate with the following State agencies in determining the scope and duration of the intensive enforcement action:

(1) The Division of Motor Vehicles, Enforcement Section.

(2) The Department of Crime Control and Public Safety, Highway Patrol Division.

(3) The Governor's Highway Safety Program.

(4) The University of North Carolina, Highway Safety Research Center.

Section 3. As part of the intensive enforcement, traffic citations shall be issued to drivers of trucks that exceed the speed limit. No warnings and no margins for error shall be allowed for speeding violations.

1           Section 4. Using funds already available, the Governor's Highway Safety  
2 Program shall implement a public service campaign on trucking safety, including  
3 encouraging the public to call "\*HP"to report unsafe truck driving.

4           Section 5. The Division of Motor Vehicles and the Highway Patrol Division  
5 shall compile statistics on all enforcement actions including:

6           (1) The number of trucks stopped and whether or not a citation or warning  
7 was issued.

8           (2) Identifying characteristics of the drivers stopped, including the race or  
9 ethnicity, approximate age, and gender.

10          (3) Any other information deemed to be necessary or relevant to determine  
11 the effectiveness of the intensive enforcement of the trucking safety  
12 laws.

13          Section 6. The costs of this study shall be borne by the Department of  
14 Transportation from funds already available to that Department.

15          Section 7. The Department of Transportation shall report the results of this  
16 study to the General Assembly by May 1, 1999.

17          Section 8. This act is effective when it becomes law.