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**H 45. GAS DRIVE AWAYS/LICENSE SUSPENSION.** *TO PROVIDE THAT PERSONS CONVICTED OF OFFENSES INVOLVING DRIVING AWAY WITHOUT PAYING FOR GASOLINE OR MOTOR FUEL SHALL HAVE THEIR DRIVERS LICENSE SUSPENDED.* Adds new GS 14-72(e) to provide that when a person is convicted of larceny or receiving or possession of stolen goods, and the offense involves driving away without paying for gasoline or motor fuel, in addition to the fine and imprisonment otherwise authorized, the court (1) for a first offense, may order suspension of the person's drivers license for up to six months; (2) for a second offense, must order suspension of the person's drivers license for six months; and (3) for a third or subsequent offense, must order suspension of the person's drivers license for one year. If a person's license is suspended for a first offense, the court may allow limited driving privileges under a restricted license. Effective Dec. 1, 2001, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

**Intro. by Decker.**

Ref. to Rules	GS 14
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