

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2007**

**SESSION LAW 2007-499  
HOUSE BILL 514**

AN ACT TO ALLOW PASSENGER BUSES THAT HAVE AN OVERALL LENGTH  
OF FORTY-FIVE FEET TO OPERATE ON PUBLIC STREETS AND  
HIGHWAYS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-116 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:  
"§ 20-116. **Size of vehicles and loads.**

(l) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the operation of passenger buses that are owned and operated by units of local government, operated as a single vehicle only and having an overall length of 45 feet or less, on public streets or highways. The Department of Transportation may prevent the operation of buses that are authorized under this subsection if the operation of such buses on a street or highway presents a hazard to passengers of the buses or to the motoring public.

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**SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.  
In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 25<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2007.

s/ Beverly E. Perdue  
President of the Senate

s/ Joe Hackney  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ Michael F. Easley  
Governor

Approved 12:49 p.m. this 30<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2007