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HOUSE BILL DRH40015-MK-5A (09/16)

Short Title: Driver Instruction/Law Enforcement Stops. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Goodman, Faircloth, McNeill, and Earle (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE DRIVER INSTRUCTION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES
3 DURING TRAFFIC STOPS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-88.1(d) reads as rewritten:

6 "(d) The Division shall prepare a driver license handbook that explains the traffic laws of
7 the State and shall periodically revise the handbook to reflect changes in these laws. The Division,
8 in consultation with the State Highway Patrol, the North Carolina Sheriff's Association, and the
9 North Carolina Association of Chiefs of Police, shall include in the driver license handbook a
10 description of law enforcement procedures during traffic stops and the actions that a motorist
11 should take during a traffic stop, including appropriate interactions with law enforcement officers.
12 At the request of the Department of Public Instruction, the Division shall provide free copies of
13 the handbook to that Department for use in the program of driver education offered at public high
14 schools."

15 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 115C-215(b) reads as rewritten:

16 "(b) The driver education curriculum shall include the following:

- 17 (1) Instruction on the rights and privileges of the handicapped and the signs and
18 symbols used to assist the handicapped relative to motor vehicles, including the
19 "international symbol of accessibility" and other symbols and devices as
20 provided in Article 2A of Chapter 20 of the General Statutes.
- 21 (2) At least six hours of instruction on the offense of driving while impaired and
22 related subjects.
- 23 (3) At least six hours of actual driving experience. To the extent practicable, this
24 experience may include at least one hour of instruction on the techniques of
25 defensive driving.
- 26 (4) At least one hour of motorcycle safety awareness training.
- 27 (5) Instruction on law enforcement procedures for traffic stops that is developed in
28 consultation with the State Highway Patrol, the North Carolina Sheriff's
29 Association, and the North Carolina Association of Chiefs of Police. The
30 instruction shall provide a description of the actions that a motorist should take
31 during a traffic stop, including appropriate interactions with law enforcement
32 officers."

33 **SECTION 3.** Section 1 of this act becomes effective January 1, 2018. The remainder
34 of this act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with the 2017-2018 school year.



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