

§ 143B-1729. (Effective July 1, 2025 – see note) Oversized and hazardous shipment escort fee.

(a) Every person, firm, corporation, or entity required by the North Carolina Department of Transportation or any federal agency or commission to have a law enforcement escort provided by the State Highway Patrol for the transport of any oversized load or hazardous shipment by road or rail shall pay to the State Highway Patrol a fee covering the full cost to administer, plan, and carry out the escort within this State.

(b) If the State Highway Patrol provides an escort to accompany the transport of oversized loads or hazardous shipments by road or rail at the request of any person, firm, corporation, or entity that is not required to have a law enforcement escort pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, then the requester shall pay to the State Highway Patrol a fee covering the full cost to administer, plan, and carry out the escort within this State.

(c) A fee established under this section is subject to G.S. 12-3.1. The full cost of an escort includes costs for vehicle or equipment maintenance required before or after an escort to ensure the visibility and safety of the law enforcement escort and the motoring public.

(d) All fees collected pursuant to this section shall be placed in a special Escort Fee Account. Revenue in the account is annually appropriated to the State Highway Patrol to reimburse the State Highway Patrol for its expenses in providing escorts under this section. (2002-126, s. 26.17(a); 2010-129, s. 4; 2011-145, s. 19.1(g); recodified from N.C. Gen. Stat. 20-196.4 by 2024-57, s. 3E.1(i); 2024-57, s. 3E.1(p).)