

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 968

Short Title: Increase Punishment for Failure to Yield. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Alston, Buansi, Miller, and Price (Primary Sponsors).
For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site.

Referred to: Judiciary 2, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

May 6, 2024

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO MAKE IT A CLASS 2 MISDEMEANOR FOR A PERSON WHO COMMITS
THE OFFENSE OF FAILURE TO YIELD AND THE OFFENSE RESULTS IN SERIOUS
BODILY INJURY AND TO APPROPRIATE NONRECURRING FUNDS TO THE
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS TO COVER COSTS INCURRED FROM
ENFORCING THE LAW REVISED BY THIS ACT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 20-160.1(a) reads as rewritten:

"(a) Unless the conduct is covered under some other law providing greater punishment, a person who commits the offense of failure to yield while approaching or entering an intersection, turning at a stop or yield sign, entering a roadway, upon the approach of an emergency vehicle, or at highway construction or maintenance shall be punished under this section. When there is serious bodily injury but no death resulting from the violation, the violator is guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor, which shall be fined include a fine of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) and the and, upon conviction, revocation of the violator's drivers license or commercial drivers license shall be suspended for 90 days."

SECTION 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2024-2025 fiscal year to be used to cover any nonrecurring costs incurred by AOC from enforcing the provisions set forth in G.S. 20-160.1(a), as revised by Section 1 of this act.

SECTION 3. Section 1 of this act becomes effective December 1, 2024, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date. The remainder of this act becomes effective July 1, 2024.

