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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO INCREASE STATE TROOPERS IN MECKLENBURG COUNTY, TO INCREASE MAGISTRATES IN MECKLENBURG COUNTY, TO REVISE CERTAIN PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO STOP FOR A SCHOOL BUS AND AUTHORIZE THE USE OF VEHICLE REGISTRATION AS PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE OF RESPONSIBILITY, TO PROHIBIT DISCLOSURE OF HIGHWAY CAMERA VIDEO RECORDS STORED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION WITH CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS, TO EXPAND THE OPERATIONAL HOURS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION METROLINA TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT CENTER IN CHARLOTTE, TO INCREASE THE MONETARY PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE MOVE OVER LAW, TO ADD A MONETARY PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE STREET TAKEOVER LAW, TO ESTABLISH THE OFFENSE OF DEATH OR SERIOUS INJURY BY RECKLESS BOATING, AND TO INCREASE THE PENALTY FOR ASSAULT ON PUBLIC TRANSIT OPERATORS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

INCREASE TROOPERS IN MECKLENBURG COUNTY

SECTION 1.(a) There is appropriated from the General Fund to the State Highway Patrol the sum of nine hundred ninety-nine thousand four hundred dollars (\$999,400) in recurring funds beginning in the 2026-2027 fiscal year to be used to fund 12 full-time State Trooper positions.

SECTION 1.(b) Notwithstanding G.S. 143B-1724 and any rules and regulations created pursuant to that statute, the State Trooper positions funded in this act shall result in an increase of at least 12 State Troopers assigned to State Highway Patrol District H5 of Troop H.

SECTION 1.(c) This section becomes effective July 1, 2026.

INCREASE MAGISTRATES IN MECKLENBURG COUNTY

SECTION 2.(a) G.S. 7A-133(c) reads as rewritten:

"(c) Each county shall have the numbers of magistrates and additional seats of district court, as set forth in the following table:

County	Magistrates Min.	Additional Seats of Court
...		
Mecklenburg	38.543.5	



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2 **SECTION 2.(b)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Administrative
3 Office of the Courts the sum of four hundred two thousand seventy dollars (\$402,070) in
4 recurring funds beginning in the 2026-2027 fiscal year to be used to hire five additional
5 magistrates to serve in Mecklenburg County pursuant to subsection (a) of this section. There is
6 appropriated from the General Fund to the Administrative Office of the Courts the sum of fifteen
7 thousand one hundred forty dollars (\$15,140) in nonrecurring funds for the 2026-2027 fiscal year
8 to be used to hire five additional magistrates to serve in Mecklenburg County pursuant to
9 subsection (a) of this section.

10 **SECTION 2.(c)** This section becomes effective July 1, 2026.

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12 **INCREASE OF FINES FOR FAILURE TO STOP FOR A SCHOOL BUS AND**
13 **EXPANSION OF WHAT CONSTITUTES PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE IN THOSE**
14 **CASES**

15 **SECTION 3.(a)** G.S. 20-217 reads as rewritten:

16 "**§ 20-217. Motor vehicles to stop for properly marked and designated school buses in**
17 **certain instances; evidence of identity of driver.**

18 ...

19 (e) Except as provided in subsection (g) of this section, any person violating this section
20 shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor and shall pay a minimum fine of ~~five hundred dollars~~
21 ~~(\$500.00)~~, one thousand dollars (\$1,000). A person who violates subsection (a) of this section
22 shall not receive a prayer for judgment continued under any circumstances.

23 ...

24 (g) Any person who willfully violates subsection (a) of this section and strikes any person
25 shall be guilty of a Class I felony and shall pay a minimum fine of ~~one thousand two hundred~~
26 ~~fifty dollars (\$1,250)~~, four thousand five hundred dollars (\$4,500). Any person who willfully
27 violates subsection (a) of this section and strikes any person, resulting in the death of that person,
28 shall be guilty of a Class H felony and shall pay a minimum fine of ~~two thousand five hundred~~
29 ~~dollars (\$2,500)~~, seven thousand dollars (\$7,000).

30 ...

31 (i) Whenever evidence is presented in any court or administrative hearing of the fact that
32 a vehicle was operated in violation of this section, it shall be prima facie evidence that the vehicle
33 was operated by the person in whose name the vehicle was registered at the time of the violation
34 according to the Division's records. If the vehicle is rented, then proof of that rental shall be prima
35 facie evidence that the vehicle was operated by the renter of the vehicle at the time of the
36 violation."

37 **SECTION 3.(b)** This section becomes effective December 1, 2026, and applies to
38 offenses committed on or after that date.

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40 **PROVISIONS REGARDING THE RECORDING, STORAGE, AND DISCLOSURE OF**
41 **VIDEO FROM DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION HIGHWAY CAMERAS**

42 **SECTION 4.(a)** G.S. 132-1.1 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

43 "(i) Highway camera video records stored by the Department of Transportation may not
44 be disclosed except as provided in G.S. 132-1.7B."

45 **SECTION 4.(b)** Chapter 132 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new
46 section to read:

47 "**§ 132-1.7B. Highway camera video records.**

48 (a) Definitions. – The following definitions apply in this section:

49 (1) Disclose or disclosure. – To make a recording available for viewing or
50 listening to by the person requesting disclosure, at a time and location chosen

1 by the custodial law enforcement agency. This term does not include the
2 release of a recording.

3 (2) Highway camera. – A Department of Transportation video or digital camera,
4 located on highway right-of-way, for the purpose of monitoring vehicle
5 traffic.

6 (3) Personal representative. – A parent, court-appointed guardian, spouse, or
7 attorney of a person whose image or voice is in the recording. If a person
8 whose image or voice is in the recording is deceased, the term also means the
9 personal representative of the estate of the deceased person; the deceased
10 person's surviving spouse, parent, or adult child; the deceased person's
11 attorney; or the parent or guardian of a surviving minor child of the deceased.

12 (4) Recording. – A visual, or visual and audio, recording captured by a highway
13 camera.

14 (5) Release. – To provide a copy of a recording.

15 (b) Highway cameras shall record and store incidents upon the request of law
16 enforcement agencies to assist the following types of incident investigations along the interstates
17 and highways:

18 (1) Vehicle chases.

19 (2) Hit and run crashes.

20 (3) Road rage altercations.

21 (4) Street races.

22 (5) Street takeovers.

23 (6) Any other incident investigations of which law enforcement agencies feel the
24 assistance of this technology would support and expedite.

25 (c) Public Record Classification. – Recordings under this section are not public records,
26 as defined by G.S. 132-1.

27 (d) Disclosure; General. – Except as provided under subsection (b) of this section,
28 recordings shall be disclosed only as provided by this section. A person requesting disclosure of
29 a recording must make a written request to the Department of Transportation. The request shall
30 include the name of the person making the request, date and approximate time of the activity
31 captured in the recording, or otherwise identify the activity with reasonable particularity
32 sufficient to identify the recording to which the request refers. The Department may only disclose
33 a recording to the following:

34 (1) A person whose image or voice is in the recording.

35 (2) A personal representative of an adult person whose image or voice is in the
36 recording, if the adult person has consented to the disclosure.

37 (3) A personal representative of a minor or of an adult person under lawful
38 guardianship whose image or voice is in the recording.

39 (4) A personal representative of a deceased person whose image or voice is in the
40 recording.

41 (5) A personal representative of an adult person who is incapacitated and unable
42 to provide consent to disclosure.

43 When disclosing the recording, the Department shall disclose only those portions of the
44 recording that are relevant to the person's request. A person who receives disclosure pursuant to
45 this subsection shall not record or copy the recording.

46 (e) Disclosure; Factors for Consideration. – Upon receipt of the written request for
47 disclosure under subsection (d) of this section, as promptly as possible, the Department must
48 either disclose the portion of the recording relevant to the person's request or notify the requestor
49 of the decision not to disclose the recording to the requestor. The Department may consider any
50 of the following factors in determining if a recording is disclosed:

- 1 (1) If the person requesting disclosure of the recording is a person authorized to
2 receive disclosure pursuant to subsection (d) of this section.
- 3 (2) If the recording contains information that is otherwise confidential or exempt
4 from disclosure or release under State or federal law.
- 5 (3) If disclosure would reveal information regarding a person that is of a highly
6 sensitive personal nature.
- 7 (4) If disclosure may harm the reputation or jeopardize the safety of a person.
- 8 (5) If disclosure would create a serious threat to the fair, impartial, and orderly
9 administration of justice.
- 10 (6) If confidentiality is necessary to protect either an active or inactive internal or
11 criminal investigation or potential internal or criminal investigation.

12 (f) Appeal of Disclosure Denial. – If the Department denies disclosure pursuant to
13 subsection (e) of this section, or has failed to provide disclosure more than three business days
14 after the request for disclosure, the person seeking disclosure may apply to the superior court in
15 any county where any portion of the recording was made for a review of the denial of disclosure.
16 The court may conduct an in-camera review of the recording. The court may order the disclosure
17 of the recording only if the court finds that the Department abused its discretion in denying the
18 request for disclosure. The court may only order disclosure of those portions of the recording that
19 are relevant to the person's request. A person who receives disclosure pursuant to this subsection
20 shall not record or copy the recording. An order issued pursuant to this subsection may not order
21 the release of the recording.

22 In any proceeding pursuant to this subsection, the following persons shall be notified and
23 those persons, or their designated representative, shall be given an opportunity to be heard at any
24 proceeding: (i) the head of the Department, (ii) any law enforcement agency personnel whose
25 image or voice is in the recording and the head of that person's employing law enforcement
26 agency, and (iii) the district attorney. Actions brought pursuant to this subsection shall be set
27 down for hearing as soon as practicable, and subsequent proceedings in such actions shall be
28 accorded priority by the trial and appellate courts.

29 (g) Release of Recordings; General; Court Order Required. – Except as provided under
30 subsection (b) of this section, recordings shall only be released pursuant to court order. Any
31 person requesting release of a recording may file an action in the superior court in any county
32 where any portion of the recording was made for an order releasing the recording. The request
33 for release must state the date and approximate time of the activity captured in the recording or
34 otherwise identify the activity with reasonable particularity sufficient to identify the recording to
35 which the action refers. The court may conduct an in-camera review of the recording. In
36 determining whether to order the release of all or a portion of the recording, in addition to any
37 other standards the court deems relevant, the court shall consider the applicability of all of the
38 following standards:

- 39 (1) Release is necessary to advance a compelling public interest.
- 40 (2) The recording contains information that is otherwise confidential or exempt
41 from disclosure or release under State or federal law.
- 42 (3) The person requesting release is seeking to obtain evidence to determine legal
43 issues in a current or potential court proceeding.
- 44 (4) Release would reveal information regarding a person that is of a highly
45 sensitive personal nature.
- 46 (5) Release may harm the reputation or jeopardize the safety of a person.
- 47 (6) Release would create a serious threat to the fair, impartial, and orderly
48 administration of justice.
- 49 (7) Confidentiality is necessary to protect either an active or inactive internal or
50 criminal investigation or potential internal or criminal investigation.
- 51 (8) There is good cause shown to release all portions of a recording.

1 The court shall release only those portions of the recording that are relevant to the person's
2 request and may place any conditions or restrictions on the release of the recording that the court,
3 in its discretion, deems appropriate.

4 In any proceeding pursuant to this subsection, the following persons shall be notified and
5 those persons, or their designated representative, shall be given an opportunity to be heard at any
6 proceeding: (i) the head of the Department, (ii) any law enforcement agency personnel whose
7 image or voice is in the recording and the head of that person's employing law enforcement
8 agency, and (iii) the district attorney. Actions brought pursuant to this subsection shall be set
9 down for hearing as soon as practicable, and subsequent proceedings in such actions shall be
10 accorded priority by the trial and appellate courts.

11 (h) Release of Recordings; Law Enforcement Purposes. – Notwithstanding any provision
12 of this section to the contrary, the Department shall disclose or release a recording to a district
13 attorney (i) for review of potential criminal charges, (ii) in order to comply with discovery
14 requirements in a criminal prosecution, (iii) for use in criminal proceedings in district court, or
15 (iv) for any other law enforcement purpose and may disclose or release a recording for suspect
16 identification or apprehension or to locate a missing or abducted person.

17 (i) Retention of Recordings. – The Department shall not be required to retain any
18 recording subject to the provisions of this section for more than 30 days, unless a court of
19 competent jurisdiction orders otherwise.

20 (j) No civil liability shall arise from compliance with the provisions of this section,
21 provided that the acts or omissions are made in good faith and do not constitute gross negligence,
22 willful or wanton misconduct, or intentional wrongdoing.

23 (k) Fee for Copies. – The Department may charge a fee to offset the cost incurred by it
24 to make a copy of a recording for release. The fee shall not exceed the actual cost of making the
25 copy.

26 (l) Attorneys' Fees. – The court may not award attorneys' fees to any party in any action
27 brought pursuant to this section.

28 (m) Use of Recordings. – Recordings subject to this section may not be used for fines or
29 private investigation.

30 (n) Elected Official. – No elected official may review recordings subject to this section,
31 unless they meet the criteria in subsection (d) of this section. This subsection does not apply to a
32 county sheriff or district attorney if review of the recordings is within the scope of a criminal
33 investigation."

34 **SECTION 4.(c)** This section becomes effective July 1, 2026.

35
36 **FUND THE 24-HOUR OPERATION OF THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF**
37 **TRANSPORTATION METROLINA TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT CENTER**
38 **IN CHARLOTTE**

39 **SECTION 5.(a)** There is appropriated from the Highway Fund to the Department of
40 Transportation the sum of three million dollars (\$3,000,000) in recurring funds beginning in the
41 2026-2027 fiscal year to be used for expanding the operational hours of the IMap and North
42 Carolina Department of Transportation Metrolina Transportation Management Center in
43 Charlotte, North Carolina, to 24 hours a day, every day of the year.

44 **SECTION 5.(b)** Of the funds appropriated from the General Fund to the Department
45 of Transportation for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the sums of fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000)
46 in recurring funds and twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000) in nonrecurring funds are allocated
47 to be used by the Department for the purpose of expanding the operational hours of the IMap and
48 North Carolina Department of Transportation Metrolina Transportation Management Center in
49 Charlotte, North Carolina, to 24 hours a day, every day of the year.

50 **SECTION 5.(c)** This section becomes effective July 1, 2026.

1 **INCREASE THE MONETARY PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE MOVE OVER**
2 **LAW**

3 **SECTION 6.(a)** G.S. 20-157 reads as rewritten:

4 "**§ 20-157. Approach of law enforcement, fire department or rescue squad vehicles or**
5 **ambulances; driving over fire hose or blocking fire fighting equipment; parking,**
6 **etc., near law enforcement, fire department, or rescue squad vehicle or**
7 **ambulance.**

8 ...

9 (g) Except as provided in subsections (a), (h), and (i) of this section, violation of this
10 section ~~shall be~~ is an infraction punishable by a fine of ~~two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00)~~ not
11 less than three hundred dollars (\$300.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00).

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13 **SECTION 6.(b)** This section becomes effective December 1, 2026, and applies to
14 offenses committed on or after that date.

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16 **ADD A MONETARY PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE STREET TAKEOVER**
17 **LAW**

18 **SECTION 7.(a)** G.S. 20-141.10 reads as rewritten:

19 "**§ 20-141.10. Street takeover.**

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21 (b) It ~~shall be~~ is unlawful for any person to operate a motor vehicle in a street takeover.
22 Any person who knowingly violates this subsection is guilty of a Class A1 misdemeanor and
23 shall pay a fine of no less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000). A subsequent violation of this
24 subsection within a 24-month period is a Class H felony, including a minimum fine equal to
25 twice the value of the vehicle involved in the offense but no less than one thousand dollars
26 (\$1,000). Additionally, and notwithstanding any provision of G.S. 15A-1340.37 to the contrary,
27 the court shall order a person who knowingly violates this subsection and causes damage to a
28 curb, road surface, or any other portion of a highway, street, or public vehicular area to pay
29 restitution for the cost of the damages to the State pursuant to Article 81C of Chapter 15A of the
30 General Statutes.

31 (c) It ~~shall be~~ is unlawful to knowingly participate in, coordinate through social media or
32 otherwise, commit an overt act in furtherance of, or facilitate a street takeover. Any person who
33 violates this subsection is guilty of a Class A1 misdemeanor. Mere presence alone without an
34 intentional act is not sufficient to sustain a conviction under this section.

35 (e) A person who violates subsection (b) of this section and assaults a law enforcement
36 officer or knowingly and willfully threatens a law enforcement officer ~~shall be~~ is guilty of a Class
37 H felony.

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39 **SECTION 7.(b)** This section becomes effective December 1, 2026, and applies to
40 offenses committed on or after that date.

41
42 **ESTABLISH THE OFFENSE OF DEATH OR SERIOUS INJURY BY RECKLESS**
43 **BOATING**

44 **SECTION 8.(a)** Article 1 of Chapter 75A of the General Statutes is amended by
45 adding a new section to read:

46 "**§ 75A-10.4. Death or serious injury by reckless boating.**

47 (a) Death by Reckless Boating. – A person commits the offense of death by reckless
48 boating if all of the following apply:

49 (1) The person unintentionally causes the death of another person while operating
50 a vessel.

- 1 (2) The person was engaged in an offense under G.S. 75A-10(a) for recklessly
2 operating a vessel.
- 3 (3) The person was not engaged in the offense of impaired boating under
4 G.S. 75A-10(b1).
- 5 (4) The commission of the offense in subdivision (2) of this subsection is the
6 proximate cause of the death.
- 7 (b) Serious Injury by Reckless Boating. – A person commits the offense of serious injury
8 by reckless boating if all of the following apply:
- 9 (1) The person unintentionally causes the serious injury of another person while
10 operating a vessel.
- 11 (2) The person was engaged in an offense under G.S. 75A-10(a) for recklessly
12 operating a vessel.
- 13 (3) The person was not engaged in the offense of impaired boating under
14 G.S. 75A-10(b1).
- 15 (4) The commission of the offense in subdivision (2) of this subsection is the
16 proximate cause of the serious injury.
- 17 (c) Aggravated Death by Reckless Boating. – A person commits the offense of
18 aggravated death by reckless boating if all of the following apply:
- 19 (1) The person unintentionally causes the death of another person while operating
20 a vessel.
- 21 (2) The person was engaged in an offense under G.S. 75A-10(a) for recklessly
22 operating a vessel.
- 23 (3) The person was not engaged in the offense of impaired boating under
24 G.S. 75A-10(b1).
- 25 (4) The commission of the offense in subdivision (2) of this subsection is the
26 proximate cause of the death.
- 27 (5) The person has a previous conviction under G.S. 75A-10(a) for recklessly
28 operating a vessel within seven years of the date of the offense.
- 29 (d) Aggravated Serious Injury by Reckless Boating. – A person commits the offense of
30 aggravated serious injury by reckless boating if all of the following apply:
- 31 (1) The person unintentionally causes the serious injury of another person while
32 operating a vessel.
- 33 (2) The person was engaged in an offense under G.S. 75A-10(a) for recklessly
34 operating a vessel.
- 35 (3) The person was not engaged in the offense of impaired boating under
36 G.S. 75A-10(b1).
- 37 (4) The commission of the offense in subdivision (2) of this subsection is the
38 proximate cause of the serious injury.
- 39 (5) The person has a previous conviction under G.S. 75A-10(a) for recklessly
40 operating a vessel within seven years of the date of the offense.
- 41 (e) Punishments. – Unless the conduct is covered under some other provision of law
42 providing greater punishment, the following classifications apply to the offenses set forth in this
43 section:
- 44 (1) Death by reckless boating is a Class A1 misdemeanor.
- 45 (2) Serious injury by reckless boating is a Class 1 misdemeanor.
- 46 (3) Aggravated death by reckless boating is a Class F felony.
- 47 (4) Aggravated serious injury by reckless boating is a Class I felony.
- 48 (f) No Double Prosecutions. – No person who has been placed in jeopardy upon a charge
49 of death by reckless boating may be prosecuted for the offense of manslaughter arising out of the
50 same death; and no person who has been placed in jeopardy upon a charge of manslaughter may
51 be prosecuted for death by reckless boating arising out of the same death."

1 **SECTION 8.(b)** This section becomes effective December 1, 2026, and applies to
2 offenses committed on or after that date.

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4 **ASSAULT ON PUBLIC TRANSIT OPERATORS**

5 **SECTION 9.(a)** G.S. 14-33(c)(7) is repealed.

6 **SECTION 9.(b)** Article 8 of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes is amended by
7 adding a new section to read:

8 **"§ 14-34.6A. Assault on a public transit operator.**

9 (a) A person is guilty of a Class I felony if the person commits an assault causing physical
10 injury on any public transit operator, including a public employee or a private contractor
11 employed as a public transit operator, when the operator is discharging or attempting to discharge
12 the operator's official duties.

13 (b) Unless a person's conduct is covered under some other provision of law providing
14 greater punishment, a person is guilty of a Class D felony if the person violates subsection (a) of
15 this section and uses a firearm."

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17 **EFFECTIVE DATE**

18 **SECTION 10.** Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes
19 law.