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HOUSE BILL 168

Short Title: Bumper Stickers-Safety Hazard.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Dawkins.

Referred to: Judiciary.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO DECLARE BUMPER STICKERS TO BE A SAFETY HAZARD.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 20-137 reads as rewritten:

"§ 20-137. **Unlawful display of emblem, bumper sticker, or insignia.**

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to display on his motor vehicle, or to allow to be displayed on his motor vehicle, any emblem or insignia of any organization, association, club, lodge, order, or fraternity, unless such person be a member of the organization, association, club, lodge, order, or fraternity, the emblem or insignia of which is so displayed.

(b) Bumper stickers are declared to be a safety hazard and it shall be unlawful for any person to display on his motor vehicle, or to allow to be displayed on his motor vehicle, any bumper sticker or other similar sticker unless it is:

(1) Authorized by law; or

(2) Approved by the Department of Transportation, pursuant to rules issued by the Department, when it determines that:

a. The particular bumper sticker does not interfere with the safe operation of that or other vehicles on the road;

b. The bumper sticker serves to identify the vehicle it is attached to for a particular purpose, such as security or parking privileges; or

c. The bumper sticker displays a commercial message."

Sec. 2. This act shall become effective January 1, 1990.