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Short Title: Utility Pole Extension.

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Sponsors: Senators Hoyle, Gulley, Horton, Kerr, Martin of Pitt, Rand, Smith, and Speed.

Referred to: Transportation.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO ALLOW UTILITY POLES CARRIED ON SIDE-LOADERS TO
3 EXTEND MORE THAN THREE FEET BEYOND THE FRONT BUMPER OF THE
4 VEHICLE.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 Section 1. G.S. 20-116(f) reads as rewritten:

7 "(f) The load upon any vehicle operated alone, or the load upon the front vehicle of
8 a combination of vehicles, shall not extend more than three feet beyond the ~~front wheels~~
9 ~~of such vehicle or the front bumper of such vehicle, if it is equipped with such a bumper.~~
10 foremost part of the vehicle. Under this subsection 'load' shall include the boom on a
11 self-propelled vehicle.

12 A utility pole carried by a self-propelled pole carrier may extend beyond the front
13 overhang limit set in this subsection if the pole cannot be dismembered, the pole is less
14 than 80 feet in length and does not extend more than 10 feet beyond the front bumper of
15 the vehicle, and either of the following circumstances apply:

16 (1) It is daytime and the front of the extending load of poles is marked by a
17 flag of the type required by G.S. 20-117 for certain rear overhangs.

18 (2) It is nighttime, operation of the vehicle is required to make emergency
19 repairs to utility service, and the front of the extending load of poles is

1 marked by a light of the type required by G.S. 20-117 for certain rear
2 overhangs.

3 As used in this subsection, a 'self-propelled pole carrier' is a vehicle designed to carry
4 a pole on the side of the vehicle at a height of at least five feet when measured from the
5 bottom of the brace used to carry the pole. A self-propelled pole carrier may not tow
6 another vehicle when carrying a pole that extends beyond the front overhang limit set in
7 this subsection."

8 Sec. 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1996.