

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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**HOUSE BILL 774
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Short Title: Passing Parked Emergency Vehicle.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Morris.

Referred to: Judiciary III.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR HOW DRIVERS SHALL OPERATE THEIR MOTOR
3 VEHICLES WHEN PASSING PARKED EMERGENCY VEHICLES THAT
4 HAVE THEIR EMERGENCY LIGHTS ILLUMINATED.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-157 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

7 "(f) When an authorized emergency vehicle that is giving a warning signal as
8 described in subsection (a) of this section is parked, the driver of every other vehicle
9 shall, as soon as it is safe and when not otherwise directed by an individual lawfully
10 directing traffic, do one of the following:

11 (1) When driving on an interstate highway or other highway with more
12 than two lanes traveling in the direction of the emergency vehicle,
13 merge into the lane farthest from the emergency vehicle.

14 (2) When driving on a two lane road, slow to a speed that is 20 miles per
15 hour less than the posted speed limit."

16 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2001.