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SENATE BILL 345
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Short Title: Limit Storage Duration for Damaged Vehicle.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 23, 2015

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO LIMIT THE AMOUNT OF TIME A MOTOR VEHICLE CAN BE
IMPOUNDED AFTER A COLLISION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Article 3 of Chapter 20 of the General Statutes is amended by adding
a new section to read:

"§ 20-166.3. Limit storage duration for vehicle damaged as a result of a collision.

(a) Limited Duration of Storage. – A motor vehicle that is towed and stored at the
direction of a law enforcement agency following a collision may be held for evidence for not
more than 20 days without a court order. Absent a court order, the vehicle must be released to
the vehicle owner, insurer, or lien holder upon payment of the towing and storage fees.

(b) Application. – This section shall not apply to a motor vehicle (i) seized as a result of
a violation of law or (ii) abandoned by the owner."

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2015, and applies to motor
vehicles impounded on or after that date.

