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Short Title: Turnpike Authority/No Bill Until \$5 Owed. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Murry and Stam (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO DELAY TURNPIKE AUTHORITY BILLING OF MOTOR VEHICLE
3 OWNERS UNTIL TOLLS OWED EQUAL OR EXCEED FIVE DOLLARS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 SECTION 1. G.S. 136-89.214 reads as rewritten:

6 "**§ 136-89.214. Bill for unpaid open road tolls sent after total amount of tolls owed**
7 **equals or exceeds five dollars.**

8 (a) Bill. – If a motor vehicle travels on a Turnpike project that uses an open road tolling
9 system and a toll for traveling on the project is not paid prior to travel or at the time of travel,
10 the Authority must record each instance that such a vehicle incurs a toll. After the total amount
11 of tolls recorded for a motor vehicle equals or exceeds five dollars (\$5.00), the Authority must
12 send a bill by first-class mail to the registered owner of the motor vehicle for the amount of the
13 unpaid tolls. The Authority must send the bill within 90 days after the ~~travel occurs.~~date of
14 travel on which the total amount of tolls recorded for the motor vehicle equals or exceeds five
15 dollars (\$5.00). If a bill is not sent within the required time, the Authority waives collection of
16 the ~~toll.~~tolls. The Authority must establish a billing period for unpaid open road tolls that is no
17 shorter than 15 days. A bill for a billing period must include all unpaid tolls incurred by the
18 same person during the billing period.

19 (b) Information on Bill. – A bill sent under this section must include all of the following
20 information:

- 21 (1) The name and address of the registered owner of the motor vehicle that
22 traveled on ~~the~~the Turnpike project.
- 23 (2) The ~~date~~dates the travel occurred, the approximate ~~time~~times the travel
24 occurred, and each segment of ~~the~~the Turnpike project on which the travel
25 occurred.
- 26 (3) ~~An image~~The images of the registration plate of the motor vehicle, if the
27 Authority captured an electronic image of the motor vehicle when it traveled
28 on ~~the~~the Turnpike project.
- 29 (4) The amount of the ~~toll~~tolls due and an explanation of how payment may be
30 made.
- 31 (5) The date by which the ~~toll~~tolls must be paid to avoid the imposition of a
32 processing fee under G.S. 136-89.215 and the amount of the processing fee.
- 33 (6) A statement that a vehicle owner who has unpaid tolls is subject to a civil
34 penalty and may not renew the vehicle's registration until the tolls and civil
35 penalties are paid.
- 36 (7) A clear and concise explanation of how to contest liability for the toll."



1 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2013, and applies to bills sent on
2 or after that date.