

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1965 SESSION

CHAPTER 483
HOUSE BILL 287

1 AN ACT TO AMEND G.S. 20-118(5) OF THE GENERAL STATUTES OF NORTH
2 CAROLINA TO PERMIT THE SHIFTING OF LOAD FROM AN OVERWEIGHT AXLE
3 WITHOUT PENALTY.
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:
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7 **Section 1.** G.S. 20-118, subsection (5), as the same appears in the 1963 Cumulative
8 Supplement to Recompiled Volume 1C of the General Statutes of North Carolina, is hereby
9 amended by adding the following sentence at the end thereof:

10 "Provided, that when it is discovered that a vehicle is in violation of subdivisions (3) or (4),
11 or is in violation of the maximum axle weight limits established by the State Highway
12 Commission in connection with light-traffic roads, the owner of the vehicle shall be permitted
13 to shift without penalty the weight from one axle to another to comply with the axle limits set
14 forth in this Section in the following instances, provided, that the gross weight of the vehicle is
15 within the legal limits: (a) In cases where the single axle load exceeds the statutory limits, but
16 does not exceed 21,000 pounds, (b) In cases where the vehicle has tandem axles and the weight
17 exceeds the statutory limits, but does not exceed 40,000 pounds, provided, that for the purpose
18 of this Section tandem axles shall be defined as any two axles more than 48 inches apart but
19 less than 96 inches apart, (c) In cases where the axle weight does not exceed 15,500 pounds and
20 the limit placed on the road or highway by the State Highway Commission is 13,000 pounds
21 per axle."

22 **Sec. 2.** All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

23 **Sec. 3.** This Act shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification.

24 In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 11th day of May,
25 1965.