

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

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SENATE BILL 291

Short Title: GPAC/Phase Out DMV Law Enforcement.

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Sponsors: Senator Martin of Guilford.

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Referred to: Government Performance Audit.

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February 22, 1993

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT A RECOMMENDATION OF THE GOVERNMENT  
PERFORMANCE AUDIT COMMITTEE TO PHASE OUT DIVISION OF  
MOTOR VEHICLES LAW ENFORCEMENT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. The General Assembly finds:

- (1) That the Division of Motor Vehicles process service officers positions should be phased out and that any collection activities for bad checks or process service fees should be transferred to the Attorney General's collection section or contracted to a private collection agency.
- (2) The Division of Motor Vehicles inspectors should be converted from law enforcement officers to civilians and perform only regulatory activities with the number of personnel limited to 55 inspectors and five support persons.
- (3) The law enforcement activities performed by the Division of Motor Vehicles inspectors assigned to the major crimes unit and an equivalent number of positions should be transferred to the State Bureau of Investigation with the State Bureau of Investigation being given original jurisdiction to investigate multijurisdictional auto-related crimes.
- (4) The Division of Motor Vehicles should take all necessary actions to ensure that data on auto-related crimes is shared with the State Bureau of Investigation in order to support investigation of these crimes.

1           (5)    The Motor Carrier Safety and Weight functions of the Division of  
2                    Motor Vehicles enforcement should be transferred to the Highway  
3                    Patrol at the end of an 18-month transition period.

4            Sec. 2. The Secretary of Crime Control and Public Safety, in conjunction  
5 with the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles and the Director of the State Bureau of  
6 Investigation, shall report to the General Assembly, no later than August 1, 1993, with a  
7 plan to implement, within 18 months, the transfers of personnel and duties contained in  
8 Section 1 of this act.

9            Sec. 3. This act is effective upon ratification.