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SENATE BILL 787

Short Title: DOT To Study Rocks from Overpasses.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Shaw of Cumberland; Allran, Foxx, Lucas, and Weinstein.

Referred to: Transportation.

April 7, 1999

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

**AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO STUDY
THE NEED FOR RECONSTRUCTING OVERPASSES TO REDUCE OR
ELIMINATE THE POSSIBILITY OF THROWING OBJECTS FROM THEM.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. The Department of Transportation shall study the problem of persons maliciously throwing rocks and other material from overpasses in an attempt to damage vehicles or injure drivers and occupants of the vehicles on the highways below them. The Department shall:

- (1) Determine the most cost-effective method of modifying highway overpasses to reduce or eliminate the possibility of persons throwing objects onto the highway.
- (2) Identify the overpasses that need to be modified because the threat of malicious activity is the greatest.
- (3) Present a multiyear program for the modification of existing overpasses that are identified.
- (4) Develop a program to take the problem into consideration in the construction of all new overpasses.

1 The Department of Transportation shall report the results of this study to the
2 Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee by November 1999, along with
3 any legislation necessary to implement the findings and recommendations of the study.

4 Section 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.