

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2003**

**SESSION LAW 2003-394  
HOUSE BILL 963**

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN PERSONS CONVICTED OF LEAVING  
THE SCENE OF AN ACCIDENT INVOLVING PERSONAL INJURY OR  
DEATH MAY LOSE THEIR LICENSE FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-166 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(e) The Division of Motor Vehicles shall revoke the drivers license of a person convicted of violating subsection (a) of this section for a period of one year, unless the court makes a finding that a longer period of revocation is appropriate under the circumstances of the case. If the court makes this finding, the Division of Motor Vehicles shall revoke that person's drivers license for two years. Upon a first conviction only for a violation of subsection (a) of this section, a trial judge may allow limited driving privileges in the manner set forth in G.S. 20-179.3(b)(2) during any period of time during which the drivers license is revoked."

**SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2003, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date. Prosecutions for offenses committed before the effective date of this act are not abated or affected by this act, and the statutes that would be applicable but for this act remain applicable to those prosecutions.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2003.

s/ Beverly E. Perdue  
President of the Senate

s/ James B. Black  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ Michael F. Easley  
Governor

Approved 5:28 p.m. this 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2003