

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 131

Short Title: Penalty for DWI Conviction/BAC .20 or Higher. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Vaughan; and Dorsett.

Referred to: Judiciary II.

February 12, 2009

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO REQUIRE, IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER PENALTIES IMPOSED BY THE
PRESIDING JUDGE, THAT A PERSON CONVICTED OF DRIVING WHILE
IMPAIRED BE IMPRISONED FOR A PERIOD OF TWENTY-FOUR HOURS IN A
CONFINEMENT FACILITY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 20-179 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(f3) A defendant convicted of impaired driving and the evidence having shown that the defendant had an alcohol concentration of .20 or higher shall be imprisoned for a mandatory period of 24 hours. This period of imprisonment is to run consecutively, not concurrently, with any other penalty imposed under the provisions of this section."

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective December 1, 2009, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

