

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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HOUSE BILL 540

Short Title: Turnpike Authority/No Bill Until \$5 Owed. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Murry and Stam (Primary Sponsors).

*For a complete list of Sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly Web Site.*

Referred to: Transportation, if favorable, Finance.

April 4, 2013

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO DELAY TURNPIKE AUTHORITY BILLING OF MOTOR VEHICLE OWNERS UNTIL TOLLS OWED EQUAL OR EXCEED FIVE DOLLARS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 136-89.214 reads as rewritten:

**"§ 136-89.214. Bill for unpaid open road ~~toll~~tolls sent after total amount of tolls owed equals or exceeds five dollars.**

(a) Bill. – If a motor vehicle travels on a Turnpike project that uses an open road tolling system and a toll for traveling on the project is not paid prior to travel or at the time of travel, the Authority must record each instance that such a vehicle incurs a toll. After the total amount of tolls recorded for a motor vehicle equals or exceeds five dollars (\$5.00), the Authority must send a bill by first-class mail to the registered owner of the motor vehicle for the amount of the unpaid ~~toll~~tolls. The Authority must send the bill within 90 days after the ~~travel occurs~~date of travel on which the total amount of tolls recorded for the motor vehicle equals or exceeds five dollars (\$5.00). If a bill is not sent within the required time, the Authority waives collection of the ~~toll~~tolls. The Authority must establish a billing period for unpaid open road tolls that is no shorter than 15 days. A bill for a billing period must include all unpaid tolls incurred by the same person during the billing period.

(b) Information on Bill. – A bill sent under this section must include all of the following information:

- (1) The name and address of the registered owner of the motor vehicle that traveled on ~~the~~a Turnpike project.
- (2) The ~~date~~dates the travel occurred, the approximate ~~time~~times the travel occurred, and each segment of ~~the~~a Turnpike project on which the travel occurred.
- (3) ~~An image~~The images of the registration plate of the motor vehicle, if the Authority captured an electronic image of the motor vehicle when it traveled on ~~the~~a Turnpike project.
- (4) The amount of the ~~toll~~tolls due and an explanation of how payment may be made.
- (5) The date by which the ~~toll~~tolls must be paid to avoid the imposition of a processing fee under G.S. 136-89.215 and the amount of the processing fee.
- (6) A statement that a vehicle owner who has unpaid tolls is subject to a civil penalty and may not renew the vehicle's registration until the tolls and civil penalties are paid.



1                   (7)     A clear and concise explanation of how to contest liability for the toll."  
2                   **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2013, and applies to bills sent on  
3 or after that date.