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SENATE DRS85155-ML-144C (03/15)

Short Title: DMV Block Registration/Unpaid Parking Fines. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Wade, Tillman, and Barringer (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO REFUSE  
3 REGISTRATION OR ISSUANCE OF A CERTIFICATE OF TITLE OR ANY  
4 TRANSFER OF REGISTRATION IF A CITY HAS NOTIFIED THE DIVISION OF  
5 MOTOR VEHICLES THAT THE OWNER OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE HAS UNPAID  
6 PARKING FINES OR PENALTIES.

7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-54 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:  
9 "**§ 20-54. Authority for refusing registration or certificate of title.**

10 The Division shall refuse registration or issuance of a certificate of title or any transfer of  
11 registration upon any of the following grounds:

12 ...

13 (11) A city has notified the Division pursuant to G.S. 160A-301(f) that the owner  
14 of the vehicle has not paid the amount of fines or penalties imposed upon the  
15 owner for committing a parking violation."

16 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 160A-301 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

17 "(f) A city may notify the Division of Motor Vehicles that a person has failed to pay any  
18 fine or penalty imposed for a violation of an ordinance adopted pursuant to this section. Upon  
19 receiving notice from the city and pursuant to G.S. 20-54, the Division shall refuse registration  
20 or issuance of a certificate of title or any transfer of registration for a motor vehicle owned by  
21 the person who failed to pay the fine or penalty. The Division of Motor Vehicles shall continue  
22 to refuse registration or issuance of a certificate of title or any transfer of registration until the  
23 city notifies the Division of Motor Vehicles that the person has (i) demonstrated to the city that  
24 he or she is not the person charged with the offense in which the fine was imposed, (ii) paid the  
25 fine or penalty owed to the city, or (iii) demonstrated to the city that his or her failure to pay the  
26 fine or penalty was not willful and that he or she is making a good faith effort to pay the fine or  
27 penalty. The provisions of this subsection shall be in addition to any other actions a city may  
28 take to enforce the payment of any fine or penalty imposed for a violation of an ordinance  
29 adopted pursuant to this section."

30 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2013, and applies to any  
31 fines or penalties imposed on or after that date.



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