

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2015**

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SENATE BILL 599

Short Title: Highway Quick Clearance Amendments.-AB (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Daniel, Meredith, and Robinson (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

March 30, 2015

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO AMEND AND CLARIFY THE STATUTES GOVERNING THE CLEARANCE
2 OF WRECKED VEHICLES AND OTHER TRAFFIC OBSTACLES FROM PUBLIC
3 HIGHWAYS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF
4 TRANSPORTATION.
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6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-161(f) reads as rewritten:

8 "(f) ~~Any~~An investigating law enforcement officer, with the concurrence of the
9 Department of Transportation, or the Department of Transportation, with the concurrence of the
10 investigating law enforcement officer, may immediately remove or cause to be removed from
11 the State highway system any wrecked, abandoned, disabled, unattended, burned, or partially
12 dismantled vehicle, cargo, or other personal property interfering with the regular flow of traffic
13 or which otherwise constitutes a hazard. In the event of a motor vehicle crash involving serious
14 personal injury or death, no removal shall occur until the investigating law enforcement officer
15 determines that adequate information has been obtained for preparation of a crash report. No
16 state or local law enforcement officer, Department of Transportation employee, or person or
17 firm contracting or assisting in the removal or disposition of any such vehicle, cargo, or other
18 personal property shall be held criminally or civilly liable for any damage or economic injury
19 related to carrying out or enforcing the provisions of this section."

20 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to any
21 obstructions to traffic arising on or after 12:01 A.M. of the day following that date.



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