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SENATE BILL 537

Short Title: The Patrick Mays Hazard Light Safety Act. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Marcus, Sawyer, and Hunt (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

April 5, 2023

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT REQUIRING THE USE OF HAZARD WARNING SIGNAL LAMPS FOR
3 VEHICLES STOPPED IN HIGHWAY TRAFFIC.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 SECTION 1. G.S. 20-134 reads as rewritten:

6 "§ 20-134. Lights on parked and stopped vehicles.

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8 (a1) Whenever a vehicle is stopped upon a highway with a posted speed limit of 45 miles
9 per hour or greater, the vehicle shall be operated with its hazard warning signal lamps
10 illuminated, if so equipped. Violation of this section does not constitute negligence per se in any
11 civil action. Nothing in this subsection shall be interpreted to abrogate the provisions of
12 G.S. 20-161. For purposes of this subsection, "hazard warning signal lamps" means special lights
13 on a vehicle that flash on and off and are primarily used to warn other drivers that a vehicle is
14 slowing down, reversing, or stationary.

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16 SECTION 2. This act becomes effective October 1, 2023.

