

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NUMBER: House Bill 824

SHORT TITLE: Left Turn on Red

SPONSOR(S): Representatives Robert J. Hensley, Jr. and Peggy Stamey

FISCAL IMPACT: **Expenditures:** **Increase (x)** **Decrease ()**
 Revenues: **Increase ()** **Decrease ()**
 No Impact ()
 No Estimate Available ()

FUND AFFECTED: **General Fund ()** **Highway Fund (x)** **Local Govt. ()**
 Other Funds ()

BILL SUMMARY: An act to allow left turns on red in certain situations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 1, 1993

PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S)/PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED: Department of
Transportation - Division of Highways

FISCAL IMPACT			
1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97
1997-98			
<u>FY</u>	<u>FY</u>	<u>FY</u>	<u>FY</u>
<u>FY</u>			

REVENUES:

GENERAL FUND

HIGHWAY FUND

HIGHWAY TRUST FUND

LOCAL

EXPENDITURES \$10,000

POSITIONS:

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:

SOURCES OF DATA: Department of Transportation - State Traffic Engineer

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS: The State Traffic Engineer estimates that 100 locations across the state will require signs prohibiting left turns on red. Each of the 14 Division Traffic Engineers will determine the locations in rural areas and small towns that have poor sight distance that would make turning left on red a dangerous maneuver. In cities, the Division Traffic Engineers and the Area Traffic Engineers will work with city traffic engineers to determine where left turns should not be

allowed. The approximate cost of erecting a sign is \$100 for materials and labor. At \$100 per sign, the signing of 100 locations will cost \$10,000 next fiscal year. This nominal cost can be absorbed in each division's maintenance budget. In 1991-92, DOT spent \$8 million on traffic services on the urban system and \$7.9 million on the primary system. The costs of the signs can be charged against the allocations in these maintenance accounts. No new appropriation is necessary.

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