

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 527

Short Title: Emergency Traffic Ordinances.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Hartsell.

Referred to: Judiciary I.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PERMIT LOCAL AUTHORITIES TO PREEMPT TRAFFIC SIGNALS
OR SEMAPHORES ON STATE HIGHWAYS IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 20-169 reads as rewritten:

"§ 20-169. Powers of local authorities.

Local authorities, except as expressly authorized by G.S. 20-141 and 20-158, shall have no power or authority to alter any speed limitations declared in this Article or to enact or enforce any rules or regulations contrary to the provisions of this Article, except that local authorities shall have power to provide by ordinances for any of the following:

(1) ~~the regulation of~~ Regulating traffic by means of traffic or semaphores or other signaling devices and for the preemption of any signaling devices upon city streets or state highways within local government boundaries by the emergency vehicles set forth in G.S. 20-157 on any portion of the highway where traffic is heavy or continuous and may prohibit continuous.

(2) Prohibiting other than one-way traffic upon certain highways, ~~and may regulate highways.~~

1 (3) ~~Regulating~~ the use of the highways by processions or assemblages and
2 ~~except that local authorities shall have the power to regulate~~
3 ~~assemblages.~~

4 (4) ~~Regulating~~ the speed of vehicles on highways in public parks, but signs
5 ~~parks.~~

6 Signs shall be erected giving notices of ~~such~~ the special limits and regulations."

7 Section 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.