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Short Title: Speeding by Law Enforcement Officers. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Luebke.

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT REGULATING SPEEDING BY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-145 reads as rewritten:

**"§ 20-145. When speed limit not applicable.**

(a) The speed limitations set forth in this Article shall not apply to vehicles when operated with due regard for ~~safety~~ safety:

(1) ~~under~~ To vehicles operated by a law enforcement officer or under the direction of ~~the police~~ a law enforcement officer in the chase or apprehension of violators of ~~the law~~ criminal or motor vehicle statutes or of persons charged with or suspected of any ~~such violation,~~ violation of criminal or motor vehicle statutes.

(2) ~~nor to~~ To fire department or fire patrol vehicles when traveling in response to a fire ~~alarm,~~ alarm.

(3) ~~nor to~~ To public or private ambulances and rescue squad emergency service vehicles when ~~traveling in emergencies,~~ responding to emergencies.

(4) ~~nor to~~ To vehicles operated by county fire marshals and civil preparedness coordinators when traveling in the performances of their duties.

(b) The exemptions in subsection (a) of this section shall not apply to law enforcement officers and others while on routine patrol, when not pursuing an identified violator, or when not responding to a specific emergency.

(c) ~~This exemption~~ The exemptions in subsection (a) of this section shall not, however, not protect the driver of any such vehicle from the consequence of a reckless disregard of the safety of others."

**SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2003.