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HOUSE BILL DRH30593-BRa-14

Short Title: Mandate Mowing in May for Major Events. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Almond.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO MOW THE
3 HIGHWAY RIGHTS-OF-WAY LOCATED WITHIN A FIVE-MILE RADIUS OF
4 CERTAIN MAJOR SPORTING EVENTS IN THE MONTH OF MAY AT THE REQUEST
5 OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROHIBITION ON
6 MOWING IN MAY; AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
7 TRANSPORTATION TO CONDUCT THE MOWING.

8 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

9 SECTION 1. G.S. 136-28.12 reads as rewritten:

10 "§ 136-28.12. Litter removal coordinated with mowing of highway rights-of-way.

11 (a) For State-maintained roads, the Department of Transportation shall coordinate litter
12 removal and mowing as follows:

13 (1) If the highway right-of-way to be mowed is part of the primary road system,
14 the Department shall schedule the removal of litter before the right-of-way is
15 mowed.

16 (2) If the highway right-of-way to be mowed is part of the secondary road system,
17 the Department shall schedule, to the extent practicable, the removal of litter
18 before the right-of-way is mowed.

19 (3) The Department shall not schedule mowing of highway rights-of-way during
20 the month of ~~May~~ May except as provided in this subdivision. Upon request
21 of a local government in which a sporting event that expects no less than five
22 thousand (5,000) attendees is scheduled to be held in the month of May, the
23 Department shall mow highway rights-of-way located within a five (5) mile
24 radius of the location of the sporting event. A local government shall submit
25 such a request to the district engineer having jurisdiction no less than thirty
26 (30) days prior to the date on which the sporting event is scheduled, and the
27 Department shall mow the rights-of way in the specified radius surrounding
28 the event not more than seven (7) days and not less than two (2) days prior to
29 the scheduled date for the event.

30 (b) The Department shall require as a term of any contract to mow or remove litter that
31 the contracting party agree to the provisions in subsection (a) of this section."

32 SECTION 2. The sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) from the General Fund is
33 appropriated to the North Carolina Department of Transportation in nonrecurring funds for the
34 2025-2026 fiscal year for administration and operational costs related to providing mowing
35 requested by local governments.

36 SECTION 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.



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