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HOUSE BILL DRH10634-NEfa-119

Short Title: The Seatbelt Act.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Schietzelt.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO ENACT THE STRONGER ENFORCEMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR
3 TRANSPORTATION BEHAVIOR AND EMERGING LIVE-SAVING TECHNOLOGY
4 (SEATBELT) ACT.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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7 **PART I. TITLE**

8 **SECTION 1.1.** This act shall be known as "The Stronger Enforcement and
9 Accountability for Transportation Behavior and Emerging Live-saving Technology
10 (SEATBELT) Act."
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12 **PART II. INTELLIGENT SPEED ASSISTANCE SYSTEMS**

13 **SECTION 2.1.** Article 2 of Chapter 20 of the General Statutes is amended by adding
14 the following new sections to read:

15 **"§ 20-17.10. Restriction of a license after certain speeding convictions; Intelligent Speed**
16 **Assistance system.**

17 (a) Definition. – For purposes of this section, the term Intelligent Speed Assistance (ISA)
18 system means an aftermarket system that uses location-based technology to automatically
19 regulate vehicle acceleration or speed in accordance with the applicable speed limit.

20 (b) Scope. – This section applies to applies to a person whose drivers license was revoked,
21 or whose driving privilege was limited, pursuant to either (i) G.S. 20-16.1 or (ii) a violation of
22 any of the following:

- 23 (1) G.S. 20-140.
24 (2) G.S. 20-141.
25 (3) G.S. 20-141.1.
26 (4) G.S 20-141.3.
27 (5) G.S. 20-141.4.
28 (6) G.S. 20-141.5.
29 (7) G.S. 20-141.6.
30 (8) G.S. 20-141.10.

31 (c) ISA System Required. – When the Division restores the license of, or grants a limited
32 driving privilege to, a person who is subject to this section, in addition to any other restriction or
33 condition, it shall require the person to agree to and shall indicate on the person's drivers license
34 that the person may only operate a vehicle equipped with a functioning ISA system approved by
35 the Commissioner.



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1 (d) Length of Requirement. – The requirements of subsection (c) shall remain in effect
2 for one year from the date of restoration..

3 (e) Vehicles Subject to Requirement. – A person subject to this section shall designate in
4 accordance with the policies of the Division any registered vehicles owned by that person that
5 the person operates or intends to operate and have the designated vehicles equipped with a
6 functioning ISA system of a type approved by the Commissioner. The Commissioner shall not
7 issue a license to a person subject to this section until presented with proof of the installation of
8 an ISA system in at least one of the person's designated vehicles. The Commissioner shall cancel
9 the drivers license of any person subject to this section for operating a vehicle that has not been
10 designated and equipped with a functioning ISA system in accordance with this subsection, or
11 removal of the ignition interlock system from any designated motor vehicle owned by the person,
12 other than when changing ISA system providers or upon sale of the designated vehicle.

13 (f) Notice of Requirement. – When a court reports to the Division a conviction of a
14 person who is subject to this section, the Division must send the person written notice of the
15 requirements of this section and of the consequences of failing to comply with these
16 requirements. The notification must include a statement that the person may contact the Division
17 for information on obtaining and having installed an ISA system of a type approved by the
18 Commissioner.

19 (g) Effect of Violation of Restriction. – A person subject to this section who violates any
20 of the restrictions of this section commits the offense of driving while license revoked under
21 G.S. 20-28 and is subject to punishment as provided in that section.

22 (h) Notification of Revocation. – If the person's license has not already been surrendered
23 to the court, the Division must expeditiously notify the person that the person's license to drive
24 is revoked pursuant to subsection (g) of this section effective on the thirtieth calendar day after
25 the mailing of the revocation order.

26 (i) Restoration After Violation. – When the Division restores the license of a person
27 whose license was revoked pursuant to subsection (g) of this section and the revocation occurred
28 prior to completion of time period required by subsection (d) of this section, in addition to any
29 other restriction or condition, it shall require the person to comply with the conditions of
30 subsection (c) of this section until the person has complied with those conditions for the
31 cumulative period of time as set forth in subsection (d) of this section. The period of time for
32 which the person successfully complied with subsection (c) of this section prior to revocation
33 pursuant to subsection (g) of this section shall be applied towards the requirements of subsection
34 (d) of this section.

35 (j) Data collection. – All data collected by ISA systems pursuant to this section shall be
36 subject to the following restrictions:

37 (1) An ISA system shall only collect the data necessary to support key functions
38 such as confirming compliance, evaluating program performance, and
39 improving system accuracy and effectiveness.

40 (2) Data collected through an ISA system shall not be disclosed unless: (i) the
41 disclosure is required by law or regulation or (ii) the disclosed data is
42 depersonalized and aggregated for research or evaluation purposes.

43 (3) Data collected through an ISA system shall not be sold, licensed, or used for
44 commercial purposes.

45 (k) Tampering. – Any person who tampers with, circumvents, or attempts to circumvent
46 an ISA system required to be installed on a motor vehicle pursuant to judicial order, statute, or
47 as may be otherwise required as a condition for an individual to operate a motor vehicle, for the
48 purpose of avoiding or altering the ISA system's speed or acceleration controls in the operation
49 or attempted operation of a vehicle is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. Each act of tampering,
50 circumvention, or attempted circumvention under this statute shall constitute a separate violation.

1 (l) Report to General Assembly. – Beginning on January 1, 2028, and annually
2 thereafter, the Division shall submit to shall submit to the Chairs of the House and Senate
3 Transportation Committees of the General Assembly, and post on the Division's website, a report
4 that summarizes the effectiveness of ISA system usage. The report shall include the number of
5 program participants, recidivism rates, and user compliance."

6 **SECTION 2.2.** G.S. 20-179.5 reads as rewritten:

7 "**§ 20-179.5. Affordability of ignition interlock system and Intelligent Speed Assistance**
8 **systems.**

9 (a) Payment of Costs. – The costs incurred in order to comply with the ignition interlock
10 or Intelligent Speed Assistance (ISA) requirements imposed by the court or the Division pursuant
11 to this Chapter, including costs for installation and monitoring of the ignition interlock or ISA
12 system, shall be paid by the person ordered to install the system. The costs incurred from
13 voluntarily installing an ignition interlock or ISA system, including costs for monitoring the
14 ignition interlock or ISA system, shall be paid by the person voluntarily installing the system.
15 Costs for installation and monitoring of the ignition interlock or ISA system shall be collected
16 under terms agreed upon by the ignition interlock or ISA system vendor and the person required
17 to install, or voluntarily installing, the ignition interlock or ISA system.

18 (b) Waiver. – A person who is ordered by a court, or required by statute, to install an
19 ignition interlock or ISA system in order to lawfully operate a motor vehicle, but who is unable
20 to afford the cost of an ignition interlock or ISA system, may apply to an authorized vendor for
21 a waiver of a portion of the costs of an ignition interlock or ISA system. Additionally, a person
22 meeting the requirements set forth in sub-subdivisions a. through f. of subdivision (6b) of
23 subsection (e) of G.S. 20-179 who is unable to afford the cost of an ignition interlock system may
24 apply to an authorized vendor for a waiver of a portion of the costs of an ignition interlock system.

25 (c) Affidavit. – A person who applies for a waiver of a portion of the costs of an ignition
26 interlock or ISA system under subsection (b) of this section shall provide to the vendor on a form
27 affidavit created by the Division a statement (i) that the person's income is at or below one
28 hundred fifty percent (150%) of the federal poverty line or (ii) that the person is enrolled in any
29 of the following public assistance programs:

- 30 (1) Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).
- 31 (2) Supplemental Security Income (SSI).
- 32 (3) Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).
- 33 (4) Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).
- 34 (5) Medicaid.

35 (d) Supporting Documentation. – A person who submits an affidavit under subsection (c)
36 of this section shall provide to the vendor documentation confirming the statement set out in the
37 affidavit. A person may establish the person's income for purposes of this subsection by providing
38 any of the following:

- 39 (1) A copy of the person's federal tax return for the previous year.
- 40 (2) A copy of the person's IRS Form W-2 for the previous year.
- 41 (3) A copy of the person's pay stubs or monthly income statements for the three
42 months immediately preceding the date of application under subsection (b) of
43 this section.
- 44 (4) A verification of unemployment benefits paid to the person for the three
45 months immediately preceding the date of application under subsection (b) of
46 this section.

47 (e) Reduction of Costs. – A vendor who receives a waiver under subsection (b) of this
48 section that complies with the requirements of subsections (c) and (d) of this section shall install
49 the ignition interlock or ISA system in accordance with both of the following terms:

- 50 (1) The applicant shall not be required to pay for installation or removal of the
51 ignition interlock or ISA system or systems.

(2) The applicant shall receive a fifty percent (50%) discount on the monthly service rate charged to persons who are not granted a waiver under this section.

(f) Review of Denial. – An applicant denied a waiver of ignition interlock or ISA system costs under this section may seek review by the Division of the vendor's determination. The Division shall adopt rules to govern its review under this subsection."

SECTION 2.3. No later than December 1, 2026, the Department of Transportation, Division of Motor Vehicles, shall contract with at least two qualified vendors to implement the requirements of this Part.

SECTION 2.4. The Division of Motor Vehicles of the Department of Transportation shall adopt rules to implement this Part.

SECTION 2.5. Sections 2.1 and 2.2 of this act become effective December 1, 2027, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

PART III. MODIFY IGNITION INTERLOCK REQUIREMENTS

SECTION 3.1. G.S. 20-16.2(c1) reads as rewritten:

"(c1) Procedure for Reporting Results and Refusal to Division. – Whenever a person refuses to submit to a chemical analysis, a person has an alcohol concentration of ~~0.15~~0.08 or more, or a person's drivers license has an alcohol concentration restriction and the results of the chemical analysis establish a violation of the restriction, the law enforcement officer and the chemical analyst shall without unnecessary delay go before an official authorized to administer oaths and execute an affidavit(s) stating ~~that~~all of the following:

- (1) The person was charged with an implied-consent offense or had an alcohol concentration restriction on the drivers ~~license;~~license.
- (2) A law enforcement officer had reasonable grounds to believe that the person had committed an implied-consent offense or violated the alcohol concentration restriction on the drivers ~~license;~~license.
- (3) Whether the implied-consent offense charged involved death or critical injury to another person, if the person willfully refused to submit to chemical ~~analysis;~~analysis.
- (4) The person was notified of the rights in subsection ~~(a);~~ and (a).
- (5) The results of any tests given or that the person willfully refused to submit to a chemical analysis.

If the person's drivers license has an alcohol concentration restriction, pursuant to G.S. 20-19(c3), and an officer has reasonable grounds to believe the person has violated a provision of that restriction other than violation of the alcohol concentration level, the officer and chemical analyst shall complete the applicable sections of the affidavit and indicate the restriction which was violated. The officer shall immediately mail the affidavit(s) to the Division. If the officer is also the chemical analyst who has notified the person of the rights under subsection ~~(a);~~(a) of this section, the officer may perform alone the duties of this subsection."

SECTION 3.2. G.S. 20-16.2(e1) reads as rewritten:

"(e1) Limited Driving Privilege after Six Months in Certain Instances. – A person whose driver's license has been revoked under this section may apply for and a judge authorized to do so by this subsection may issue a limited driving privilege ~~if~~if all of the following requirements are met:

- (1) At the time of the refusal the person held either a valid drivers license or a license that had been expired for less than one ~~year;~~year.
- (2) At the time of the refusal, the person had not within the preceding seven years been convicted of an offense involving impaired ~~driving;~~driving.
- (3) At the time of the refusal, the person had not in the preceding seven years willfully refused to submit to a chemical analysis under this ~~section;~~section.

- 1 (4) The implied consent offense charged did not involve death or critical injury
2 to another ~~person;~~person.
- 3 (5) The underlying charge for which the defendant was requested to submit to a
4 chemical analysis has been finally disposed of:
5 a. Other than by conviction; or
6 b. By a conviction of impaired driving under G.S. 20-138.1, at a
7 punishment level authorizing issuance of a limited driving privilege
8 under G.S. 20-179.3(b), and the defendant has complied with at least
9 one of the mandatory conditions of probation listed for the punishment
10 level under which the defendant was ~~sentenced;~~sentenced.
- 11 (6) Subsequent to the refusal the person has had no unresolved pending charges
12 for or additional convictions of an offense involving impaired ~~driving;~~driving.
- 13 (7) The person's license has been revoked for at least six months for the ~~refusal;~~
14 ~~and~~refusal.
- 15 (8) The person has obtained a substance abuse assessment from a mental health
16 facility and successfully completed any recommended training or treatment
17 program.
- 18 (9) All vehicles that the person will be authorized to drive have been equipped
19 with a type of ignition interlock system approved by the Commissioner.

20 Except as modified in this subsection, the provisions of G.S. 20-179.3 relating to the procedure
21 for application and conduct of the hearing and the restrictions required or authorized to be
22 included in the limited driving privilege apply to applications under this subsection. If the case
23 was finally disposed of in the district court, the hearing shall be conducted in the district court
24 district as defined in G.S. 7A-133 in which the refusal occurred by a district court judge. If the
25 case was finally disposed of in the superior court, the hearing shall be conducted in the superior
26 court district or set of districts as defined in G.S. 7A-41.1 in which the refusal occurred by a
27 superior court judge. A limited driving privilege issued under this section authorizes a person to
28 drive if the person's license is revoked solely under this section or solely under this section and
29 G.S. 20-17(2). If the person's license is revoked for any other reason, the limited driving privilege
30 is invalid."

31 **SECTION 3.3.** G.S. 20-16.5(p) reads as rewritten:

32 "(p) Limited Driving Privilege. – A person whose drivers license has been revoked for a
33 specified period of 30 or 45 days under this section may apply for a limited driving privilege ~~if~~if
34 all of the following requirements are met:

- 35 (1) At the time of the alleged offense the person held either a valid drivers license
36 or a license that had been expired for less than one ~~year;~~year.
- 37 (2) Does not have an unresolved pending charge involving impaired driving
38 except the charge for which the license is currently revoked under this section
39 or additional convictions of an offense involving impaired driving since being
40 charged for the violation for which the license is currently revoked under this
41 ~~section;~~section.
- 42 (3) The person's license has been revoked for at least 10 days if the revocation is
43 for 30 days or 30 days if the revocation is for 45 ~~days;~~ anddays.
- 44 (4) The person has obtained a substance abuse assessment from a mental health
45 facility and registers for and agrees to participate in any recommended training
46 or treatment program.
- 47 (5) All vehicles that the person will be authorized to drive have been equipped
48 with a type of ignition interlock system approved by the Commissioner.

49 A person whose license has been indefinitely revoked under this section may, after
50 completion of 30 days under subsection (e) or the applicable period of time under subdivision
51 (1), (2), or (3) of subsection (f), apply for a limited driving privilege. In the case of an indefinite

1 revocation, a judge of the division in which the current offense is pending may issue the limited
2 driving privilege only if the privilege is necessary to overcome undue hardship and the person
3 meets the eligibility requirements of G.S. 20-179.3, except that the requirements in
4 G.S. 20-179.3(b)(1)c. and G.S. 20-179.3(e) shall not apply. Except as modified in this
5 subsection, the provisions of G.S. 20-179.3 relating to the procedure for application and conduct
6 of the hearing and the restrictions required or authorized to be included in the limited driving
7 privilege apply to applications under this subsection. Any district court judge authorized to hold
8 court in the judicial district is authorized to issue such a limited driving privilege. A limited
9 driving privilege issued under this section authorizes a person to drive if the person's license is
10 revoked solely under this section. If the person's license is revoked for any other reason, the
11 limited driving privilege is invalid."

12 **SECTION 3.4.** G.S. 20-17.8 reads as rewritten:

13 **"§ 20-17.8. Restoration of a license after certain driving while impaired convictions;
14 ignition interlock.**

15 (a) Scope. – This section applies to a person whose license was revoked as a result of a
16 conviction of driving while impaired, G.S. 20-138.1, and any of the following conditions is met:

- 17 (1) The person had an alcohol concentration of ~~0.15~~0.08 or ~~more~~more or ~~refused~~
18 to submit to a chemical analysis.
19 (2) The person has been convicted of another offense involving impaired driving,
20 which offense occurred within seven years immediately preceding the date of
21 the offense for which the person's license has been revoked.
22 (3) The person was sentenced pursuant to G.S. 20-179(f3).

23 For purposes of subdivision (1) of this subsection, the results of a chemical analysis, as shown
24 by an affidavit or affidavits executed pursuant to G.S. 20-16.2(c1), shall be used by the Division
25 to determine that person's alcohol concentration.

26 (a1) Additional Scope. – This section applies to a person whose license was revoked as a
27 result of a conviction of habitual impaired driving, G.S. 20-138.5. ~~Except for a conviction under~~
28 ~~G.S. 20-141.4(a2), this section also applies to a person whose license was revoked as a result of~~
29 ~~a conviction under G.S. 20-141.4.~~

30 (a2) Under Age 21. – The provisions of this section apply to a person whose license was
31 revoked as the result of a conviction of driving by a person less than 21 years old after consuming
32 alcohol pursuant to G.S. 20-138.3.

33 (b) Ignition Interlock Required. – Except as provided in subsection (l) of this section,
34 when the Division restores the license of a person who is subject to this section, in addition to
35 any other restriction or condition, it shall require the person to agree to and shall indicate on the
36 person's drivers license all of the following restrictions for the period designated in subsection
37 ~~(e):(c)~~ of this section:

- 38 (1) A restriction that the person may operate only a vehicle that is equipped with
39 a functioning ignition interlock system of a type approved by the
40 Commissioner. The Commissioner shall not unreasonably withhold approval
41 of an ignition interlock system and shall consult with the Division of Purchase
42 and Contract in the Department of Administration to ensure that potential
43 vendors are not discriminated against. All approved vendors shall report all
44 attempts to start the vehicle with an alcohol concentration greater than 0.02 or
45 any other violations of the interlock policies established by the Division for
46 use of an ignition interlock system or a violation of G.S. 20-17.8A to the
47 Commissioner in accordance with Division requirements.
48 (2) A requirement that the person personally activate the ignition interlock system
49 before driving the motor vehicle.
50 (3) A requirement that the person not drive with an alcohol concentration of 0.02
51 or greater.

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2 **SECTION 3.5.** G.S. 20-138.3(d) reads as rewritten:

3 "(d) Limited Driving Privilege. – A person who is convicted of violating subsection (a) of
4 this section and whose drivers license is revoked solely based on that conviction may apply for
5 a limited driving privilege as provided in G.S. 20-179.3. This subsection shall apply only if the
6 person meets ~~both~~each of the following requirements:

- 7 (1) Is 18, 19, or 20 years old on the date of the offense.
8 (2) Has not previously been convicted of a violation of this section.
9 (3) Has equipped all vehicles to be operated under a limited driving privilege with
10 approved ignition interlock systems.

11 The judge may issue the limited driving privilege only if the person meets the eligibility
12 requirements of G.S. 20-179.3, other than the requirement in G.S. 20-179.3(b)(1)c.
13 G.S. 20-179.3(e) shall not apply. All other terms, conditions, and restrictions provided for in
14 G.S. 20-179.3 shall apply. G.S. 20-179.3, rather than this subsection, governs the issuance of a
15 limited driving privilege to a person who is convicted of violating subsection (a) of this section
16 and of driving while impaired as a result of the same transaction."

17 **SECTION 3.6.** G.S. 20-179.3(b) reads as rewritten:

18 "(b) Eligibility. –

- 19 (1) Except as otherwise provided in subdivision (3) of this subsection, a person
20 convicted of the offense of impaired driving under G.S. 20-138.1 is eligible
21 for a limited driving privilege if all of the following requirements are met:
22 a. At the time of the offense the person held either a valid driver's license
23 or a license that had been expired for less than one year.
24 b. At the time of the offense the person had not within the preceding
25 seven years been convicted of an offense involving impaired driving.
26 c. Punishment Level Three, Four, or Five was imposed for the offense of
27 impaired driving.
28 d. Subsequent to the offense the person has not been convicted of, or had
29 an unresolved charge lodged against the person for, an offense
30 involving impaired driving.
31 e. The person has obtained and filed with the court a substance abuse
32 assessment of the type required by G.S. 20-17.6 for the restoration of
33 a drivers license.
34 f. The person has installed an approved ignition interlock system on all
35 vehicles subject to ignition interlock requirements to be operated by
36 the applicant under a limited driving privilege

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38 (3) A person convicted of the offense of impaired driving under G.S. 20-138.1
39 that has been convicted of not more than one offense involving impaired
40 driving within the preceding seven years is eligible for a limited driving
41 privilege if all of the following requirements are met:

- 42 a. At the time of the offense the person held either a valid driver's license
43 or a license that had been expired for less than one year.
44 b. At the time of the offense the person did not have an alcohol
45 concentration of 0.15 or more.
46 c. One of the following punishment levels was imposed for the offense
47 of impaired driving:
48 1. Punishment Level Three, Four, or Five.
49 2. Punishment Level Two, but only if the Grossly Aggravating
50 Factor determined to impose Punishment Level Two was the
51 Grossly Aggravating Factor provided in G.S. 20-179(c)(1).

- 1 d. Subsequent to the offense the person has not been convicted of, or had
 2 an unresolved charge lodged against the person for, an offense
 3 involving impaired driving.
 4 e. The person has obtained and filed with the court a substance abuse
 5 assessment of the type required by G.S. 20-17.6 for the restoration of
 6 a drivers license.
 7 f. The person has installed an approved ignition interlock system on all
 8 vehicles subject to ignition interlock requirements to be operated by
 9 the applicant under a limited driving privilege

10 A person whose North Carolina driver's license is revoked because
 11 of a conviction in another jurisdiction substantially similar to impaired
 12 driving under G.S. 20-138.1 is eligible for a limited driving privilege
 13 if the person would be eligible for it had the conviction occurred in
 14 North Carolina. Eligibility for a limited driving privilege following a
 15 revocation under G.S. 20-16.2(d) is governed by G.S. 20-16.2(e1)."

16 **SECTION 3.7.** G.S. 20-179.3(g5) reads as rewritten:

17 "(g5) Ignition Interlock Required. – If a person's drivers license is revoked for a conviction
 18 of G.S. 20-138.1, and the person had an alcohol concentration of ~~0.150.08~~ or ~~more or more~~, is
 19 eligible for a limited driving privilege pursuant to subdivision (b)(3) of this section, or refused to
 20 submit to a chemical analysis, a judge shall include all of the following in a limited driving
 21 privilege order:

22 If the limited driving privilege order includes the restrictions set forth in this subsection, then
 23 the limitations set forth in subsections (a), (f), (g), (g1), and (g2) of this section do not apply
 24 when the person is operating the designated motor vehicle with a functioning ignition interlock
 25 system. For purposes of this subsection, the results of a chemical analysis presented at trial or
 26 sentencing shall be sufficient to prove a person's alcohol concentration, shall be conclusive, and
 27 shall not be subject to modification by any party, with or without approval by the court. The
 28 removal of the ignition interlock system prior to the end of the revocation period or any extension
 29 shall void the limited driving privilege and the Division shall remove the limited driving privilege
 30 from the person's driving record. The interlock provider shall notify the holder of the limited
 31 driving privilege that removal voids the limited driving privilege in accordance with Division
 32 policy. The Division shall notify the person by first class mail at the address on file with the
 33 Division that the limited driving privilege is void and does not authorize driving due to removal
 34 of the ignition interlock system.

- 35 (1) A restriction that the applicant may operate only a designated motor vehicle.
 36 (2) A requirement that the designated motor vehicle be equipped with a
 37 functioning ignition interlock system of a type approved by the
 38 Commissioner, which is set to prohibit driving with an alcohol concentration
 39 of greater than 0.02. The Commissioner shall not unreasonably withhold
 40 approval of an ignition interlock system and shall consult with the Division of
 41 Purchase and Contract in the Department of Administration to ensure that
 42 potential vendors are not discriminated against. All approved vendors shall
 43 report all attempts to start the vehicle with an alcohol concentration greater
 44 than 0.02 or any other violations of the interlock policies established by the
 45 Division for use of an ignition interlock system or a violation of
 46 G.S. 20-17.8A to the Commissioner in accordance with Division
 47 requirements.
 48 (3) A requirement that the applicant personally activate the ignition interlock
 49 system before driving the motor vehicle.

50 **SECTION 3.8.** This Part becomes effective December 1, 2027, and applies to
 51 offenses committed on or after that date.

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2 **PART IV. SCHOOL ZONE TRAFFIC CAMERAS**

3 **SECTION 4.1.** G.S. 8-50.4 reads as rewritten:

4 "**§ 8-50.4. Results of electronic ~~speed-measuring instruments~~ speed and traffic safety**
5 **monitoring systems to enforce speed limits ~~traffic laws~~ in school zones;**
6 **admissibility.**

7 (a) The results of the use of an electronic ~~speed-measuring~~ speed and traffic safety
8 monitoring system as described in G.S. 160A-300.4 and G.S. 153A-246.1 shall be admissible as
9 evidence in nonjudicial administrative hearings held pursuant to G.S. 160A-300.4(d)(5) or
10 G.S. 153A-246.1(d)(5).

11 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, the results of an
12 electronic ~~speed-measuring~~ speed and traffic safety monitoring system are not admissible unless
13 all of the following are established:

14 (1) The electronic ~~speed-measuring~~ speed and traffic safety monitoring system
15 employed was approved for use by the North Carolina Criminal Justice
16 Education and Training Standards Commission and the Secretary of Public
17 Safety pursuant to G.S. 17C-6.

18 (2) The electronic ~~speed-measuring~~ speed and traffic safety monitoring system
19 was calibrated and tested for accuracy in accordance with the standards
20 established by the North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training
21 Standards Commission and the Secretary of Public Safety for that particular
22 system.

23 (c) All electronic ~~speed-measuring~~ speed and traffic safety monitoring systems shall be
24 calibrated and tested in accordance with standards established by the North Carolina Criminal
25 Justice Education and Training Standards Commission and the Secretary of Public Safety. A
26 written certificate by a technician certified by the North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and
27 Training Standards Commission showing that a test was made within the required testing period
28 and that the system was accurate shall be competent and prima facie evidence of those facts in a
29 nonjudicial administrative hearing held pursuant to G.S. 160A-300.4(d)(5) or
30 G.S. 153A-246.1(d)(5).

31 (d) In every nonjudicial administrative hearing held pursuant to G.S. 160A-300.4(d)(5)
32 or G.S. 153A-246.1(d)(5), where the results of an electronic ~~speed-measuring~~ speed and traffic
33 safety monitoring system are sought to be admitted, notice shall be taken of the rules approving
34 the electronic ~~speed-measuring~~ speed and traffic safety monitoring system and the procedures
35 for calibration or testing for accuracy of the system. "

36 **SECTION 4.2.** G.S. 17C-6 reads as rewritten:

37 "**§ 17C-6. Powers of Commission.**

38 (a) In addition to powers conferred upon the Commission elsewhere in this Article, the
39 Commission shall have the following powers, which shall be enforceable through its rules and
40 regulations, certification procedures, or the provisions of G.S. 17C-10:

41 ...

42 (13b) In conjunction with the Secretary of Public Safety, approve use of specific
43 models and types of electronic ~~speed-measuring~~ speed and traffic safety
44 monitoring systems as described in G.S. 160A-300.4(a) and
45 G.S. 153A-246.1(a) and establish standards for calibration and testing for
46 accuracy of each approved system.

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48 **SECTION 4.3.** G.S. 153A-246.1 reads as rewritten:

49 "**§ 153A-246.1. Use of electronic ~~speed-measuring~~ speed and traffic safety monitoring**
50 **systems to enforce speed limits in school zones.**

51 (a) The following definitions apply in this section:

(1) ~~An electronic speed-measuring system is a~~ Electronic speed and traffic safety monitoring system.—A mobile or fixed device consisting of an automated traffic camera and sensor capable of of: (i) measuring speed—a vehicle's speed, positioning, or both and (ii) producing one or more digital photographs or videos of a motor vehicle violating any of the following: (i) a posted speed limit. ~~limit, (ii) G.S. 20-158, or (iii) G.S. 20-173.~~

(2) School zone. – An area near a public, private or parochial school where, pursuant to G.S. 20-141.1, the Board of Transportation or local authorities have set speed limits lower than those designated by G.S. 20-141.

...
 (d) ~~A county may adopt ordinances for the civil enforcement of G.S. 20-141.1 of: (i) G.S. 20-141.1, (ii) a violation of G.S. 20-158 within a school zone, or (iii) a violation of G.S. 20-173 within a school zone~~ by means of an ~~electronic speed-measuring speed and traffic safety monitoring system.~~ Notwithstanding the provisions of ~~G.S. 20-141.1—G.S. 20-141.1, G.S. 20-158, G.S. 20-173, and G.S. 20-176,~~ in the event that a county adopts an ordinance pursuant to this section, a violation of ~~G.S. 20-141.1—G.S. 20-141.1, G.S. 20-158, or G.S. 20-173~~ detected by an ~~electronic speed-measuring speed and traffic safety monitoring system~~ shall not be an infraction if a citation is issued in accordance with this subsection. An ordinance authorized by this subsection shall provide that:

...
 (3) The citation shall contain all of the following:
 a. The recorded image or video of the ~~vehicle speeding.~~ vehicle: (i) speeding, (ii) violating G.S. 20-158, or (iii) violating G.S. 20-173.

...
 d. ~~The~~For violations of G.S. 20-141.1, the recorded speed.
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SECTION 4.4. G.S. 160A-300.4 reads as rewritten:

"§ 160A-300.4. Use of electronic ~~speed-measuring speed and traffic safety monitoring systems to enforce speed limits in school zones.~~

(a) The following definitions apply in this section:

(1) ~~An electronic speed-measuring system is a~~ Electronic speed and traffic safety monitoring system. – A mobile or fixed device consisting of an automated traffic camera and sensor capable of of (i) measuring speed—a vehicle's speed, positioning, or both and (ii) producing one or more digital photographs or videos of a motor vehicle violating any of the following: (i) a posted speed limit. ~~limit, (ii) G.S. 20-158, or (iii) G.S. 20-173.~~

...
 (d) ~~A municipality may adopt ordinances for the civil enforcement of G.S. 20-141.1 of: (i) G.S. 20-141.1, (ii) a violation of G.S. 20-158 within a school zone, or (iii) a violation of G.S. 20-173 within a school zone~~ by means of an ~~electronic speed-measuring speed and traffic safety monitoring system.~~ Notwithstanding the provisions of ~~G.S. 20-141.1—G.S. 20-141.1, G.S. 20-158, G.S. 20-173, and G.S. 20-176,~~ in the event that a municipality adopts an ordinance pursuant to this section, a violation of ~~G.S. 20-141.1—G.S. 20-141.1, G.S. 20-158, or G.S. 20-173~~ detected by an ~~electronic speed-measuring speed and traffic safety monitoring system~~ shall not be an infraction if a citation is issued in accordance with this subsection. An ordinance authorized by this subsection shall provide that:

...
 (3) The citation shall contain all of the following:
 a. The recorded image or video of the ~~vehiele speeding.~~ vehicle: (i) speeding, (ii) violating G.S. 20-158, or (iii) violating G.S. 20-173.

...

1 d. ~~The~~ For violations of G.S. 20-141.1, the recorded speed.

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3 SECTION 4.5. This Part becomes effective October 1, 2026.

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5 **PART V. APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS**

6 SECTION 5.1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Administrative
7 Office of the Courts the sum of nine million dollars (\$9,000,000) in nonrecurring funds in the
8 2026-2026 fiscal year to be used for the recordation of district court proceedings.

9 SECTION 5.2. This Part becomes effective July 1, 2026.

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11 **PART VI. SAVINGS CLAUSE AND EFFECTIVE DATE**

12 SECTION 6.1. Prosecutions for offenses committed before the effective date of this
13 act are not abated or affected by this act, and the statutes that would be applicable but for this act
14 remain applicable to those prosecutions.

15 SECTION 6.2. Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes
16 law.