

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 1752

Short Title: No Unmarked Vehicle Night Stops.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Wood; Shubert and Allred.

Referred to: Rules, Calendar and Operations of the House.

June 1, 1998

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS FROM MAKING
2 TRAFFIC STOPS AT NIGHT IN UNMARKED VEHICLES.

3 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

4 Section 1. G.S. 20-183 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

5 "(c) No law enforcement officer operating an unmarked vehicle at night may stop a
6 vehicle for a violation of this Article except when that officer has probable cause to
7 believe that a felony or an impaired driving offense has been committed by the operator
8 of that vehicle.

9 For purposes of this subsection, an unmarked vehicle is one without: (i) permanently
10 attached signage or lettering identifying the vehicle as a law enforcement vehicle, (ii) a
11 permanent governmental registration plate, and (iii) a roof mounted visor bar with blue
12 lights."

13 Section 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
14 Crime Control and Public Safety the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for
15 the 1998-99 fiscal year to publicize the contents of Section 1 of this bill.

16 Section 3. This act is effective when it becomes law and Section 2 of this bill
17 becomes effective July 1, 1998.
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