

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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HOUSE BILL 60

Short Title: Passing Slow Moving Vehicles. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Elmore, R. Brown, and Zachary (Primary Sponsors).

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Referred to: Transportation.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO ALLOW THE DRIVER OF A VEHICLE TO OVERTAKE AND PASS  
3 SLOWER MOVING VEHICLES ON PORTIONS OF THE HIGHWAY WHICH ARE  
4 MARKED BY SIGNS, MARKERS, OR MARKINGS PLACED BY THE DEPARTMENT  
5 OF TRANSPORTATION STATING OR CLEARLY INDICATING THAT PASSING  
6 SHOULD NOT BE ATTEMPTED.

7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-150(e) reads as rewritten:

9 "(e) ~~The~~Unless the following conditions exist, the driver of a vehicle shall not overtake  
10 and pass another on any portion of the highway which is marked by signs, markers or markings  
11 placed by the Department of Transportation stating or clearly indicating that passing should not  
12 be ~~attempted~~attempted:

- 13 (1) The slower moving vehicle to be overtaken and passed is proceeding at less  
14 than half the speed of the posted speed limit.  
15 (2) The faster moving vehicle is capable of overtaking and passing the slower  
16 moving vehicle without exceeding the posted speed limit.  
17 (3) The faster moving vehicle is capable of overtaking and passing at least three  
18 feet to the left of the slower moving vehicle.  
19 (4) The left side of the center of the highway is clearly visible and is free of  
20 oncoming traffic for a sufficient distance ahead to permit the overtaking and  
21 passing to be made in safety."

22 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 20-149(a) reads as rewritten:

23 "(a) The driver of any such vehicle overtaking another vehicle proceeding in the same  
24 direction shall pass at least two feet to the left thereof, and shall not again drive to the right side  
25 of the highway until safely clear of such overtaken vehicle. This subsection shall not apply  
26 when the overtaking and passing is done pursuant to the provisions of  
27 ~~G.S. 20-150.1~~G.S. 20-150(e) or G.S. 20-150.1."

28 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2015, and applies to  
29 offenses committed on or after that date.

