

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 509

Short Title: Public Authority/Weight & Perm. Plates. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Lee (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO EXEMPT CERTAIN PUBLIC AUTHORITIES FROM THE LIGHT-TRAFFIC
3 ROAD LIMITATIONS ESTABLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF
4 TRANSPORTATION AND TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES
5 TO ISSUE PERMANENT REGISTRATION PLATES FOR MOTOR VEHICLES
6 OWNED AND OPERATED BY CERTAIN PUBLIC AUTHORITIES.

7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-118(c)(6) reads as rewritten:

9 "(6) A truck or other motor vehicle shall be exempt from ~~such~~the light-traffic
10 road limitations provided by G.S. 20-118(b)(4) when ~~such~~the motor vehicles
11 are owned, operated by or under contract to a public utility, electric or
12 telephone membership corporation or municipality and ~~such~~the motor
13 vehicles are used in connection with installation, restoration or emergency
14 maintenance of utility services. For purposes of this subdivision, the term
15 "public utility" includes authorities created pursuant to Article 1 of Chapter
16 162A of the General Statutes."

17 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 20-84(b) is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

18 "(20) A motor vehicle that is owned and operated by an authority created pursuant
19 to Article 1 of Chapter 162A of the General Statutes."

20 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to violations
21 committed on or after that date.

