

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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**SENATE BILL 509
Transportation Committee Substitute Adopted 7/15/15**

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

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 26, 2015

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 AND ANY RADIO
7 EMERGENCY ASSOCIATED COMMUNICATIONS TEAM THAT PROVIDES ITS
8 SERVICES PURSUANT TO A CONTRACT WITH A COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY.

9 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

11 "(6) A truck or other motor vehicle shall be exempt from ~~such~~the light-traffic
12 road limitations provided by G.S. 20-118(b)(4) when ~~such~~the motor vehicles
13 are owned, operated by or under contract to a public utility, electric or
14 telephone membership corporation or municipality and ~~such~~the motor
15 vehicles are used in connection with installation, restoration or emergency
16 maintenance of utility services. For purposes of this subdivision, the term
17 "public utility" includes authorities created pursuant to Article 1 of Chapter
18 162A of the General Statutes."

19 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 20-84(b) is amended by adding the following subdivisions to

20 read:

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

23 "(21) A motor vehicle owned by an incorporated REACT (Radio Emergency
24 Associated Communications Teams) team that provides its services pursuant
25 to a contract with a county or municipality."

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

