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HOUSE BILL 197

Short Title: Study/Distracted Driving & Road Rage. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Pierce.

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Referred to: Transportation

February 28, 2017

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO STUDY THE ISSUES  
3 OF DISTRACTED DRIVING AND ROAD RAGE.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** Distracted Driving Study. – The Division of Motor Vehicles, in  
6 consultation with the Department of Public Safety, shall study the issue of distracted driving. As  
7 part of the study, the Division of Motor Vehicles shall consider all of the following:

- 8 (1) Causes of distracted driving.  
9 (2) The average number of injuries and fatalities attributable to distracted driving  
10 over the past two calendar years.  
11 (3) Whether increased penalties should be imposed for acts of distracted driving.  
12 (4) Measures that can be taken to prevent incidents of distracted driving.  
13 (5) Any other topic or issue the Division of Motor Vehicles determines to be  
14 relevant to the study.

15 **SECTION 2.** Road Rage Study. – The Division of Motor Vehicles, in consultation  
16 with the Department of Public Safety, shall study the issue of road rage. As part of the study, the  
17 Division of Motor Vehicles shall consider all of the following:

- 18 (1) How to define "road rage."  
19 (2) Types of behavior that constitute road rage.  
20 (3) Causes of road rage.  
21 (4) The average number of injuries and fatalities attributable to incidents of road  
22 rage over the past two calendar years.  
23 (5) Types of crimes that may be initiated as acts of road rage.  
24 (6) Whether increased penalties should be imposed for crimes committed as acts of  
25 road rage.  
26 (7) Measures that can be taken to prevent incidents of road rage.  
27 (8) Any other topic or issue the Division of Motor Vehicles determines to be  
28 relevant to the study.

29 **SECTION 3.** Report. – By February 1, 2018, the Division of Motor Vehicles shall  
30 report its findings from the studies required under Sections 1 and 2 of this act, including any  
31 legislative recommendations, to the chairs of the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight  
32 Committee and the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety.

33 **SECTION 4.** Effective Date. – This act is effective when it becomes law.



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