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HOUSE BILL DRH30352-MW-122

Short Title: Block Vehicle Regis. for Unpaid Parking Fines.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Terry.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO REFUSE  
3 REGISTRATION OR ISSUANCE OF A CERTIFICATE OF TITLE OR ANY TRANSFER  
4 OF REGISTRATION IF A CITY HAS NOTIFIED THE DIVISION THAT THE OWNER  
5 OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE HAS UNPAID PARKING FINES OR PENALTIES.  
6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:  
7 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-54 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:  
8 "(14) A city has notified the Division pursuant to G.S. 160A-301(f) that the owner  
9 of the vehicle has not paid the amount of fines or penalties imposed upon the  
10 owner for committing a parking violation."  
11 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 160A-301 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:  
12 "(f) A city may notify the Division of Motor Vehicles that a person has failed to pay any  
13 fine or penalty imposed for a violation of an ordinance adopted pursuant to this section. Upon  
14 receiving notice from the city and pursuant to G.S. 20-54, the Division shall refuse registration  
15 or issuance of a certificate of title or any transfer of registration for a motor vehicle owned by the  
16 person who failed to pay the fine or penalty. The Division of Motor Vehicles shall continue to  
17 refuse registration or issuance of a certificate of title or any transfer of registration until the city  
18 notifies the Division of Motor Vehicles that the person has (i) demonstrated to the city that he or  
19 she is not the person charged with the offense in which the fine was imposed, (ii) paid the fine or  
20 penalty owed to the city, or (iii) demonstrated to the city that he or she is making a good-faith  
21 effort to pay the fine or penalty. The provisions of this subsection shall be in addition to any other  
22 actions a city may take to enforce the payment of any fine or penalty imposed for a violation of  
23 an ordinance adopted pursuant to this section."  
24 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2019, and applies to fines or  
25 penalties imposed on or after that date.

