

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 472

Short Title: Commercial Vehicle & Cargo Protection. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Branson, Loftis, Schietzelt, and Hawkins (Primary Sponsors).
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Referred to: Transportation, if favorable, Judiciary 1, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and
Operations of the House

March 24, 2025

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO ENACT THE COMMERCIAL VEHICLE AND CARGO PROTECTION ACT.
The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Article 7 of Chapter 20 of the General Statutes is amended by adding
a new section to read:

"§ 20-219.3A. Commercial booting.

A commercial motor vehicle shall not be immobilized using a device such as a boot or any
other device. Using an immobilization device on a commercial vehicle will be deemed a
misdemeanor."

SECTION 2. Article 7A of Chapter 20 of the General Statutes is amended by adding
a new section to read:

"§ 20-219.15. Return of commercial cargo.

Notwithstanding G.S. 20-219.10(a) to the contrary, a tower of a nonconsensual tow or
government-initiated tow shall promptly return any commercial cargo towed by the tower to the
owner of the commercial cargo or to a designee of the owner. In the case of a trailer containing
commercial cargo, the tower shall allow the trailer containing the commercial cargo to be
exchanged with a different trailer that is in equal or better condition."

SECTION 3. Section 1 of this act becomes effective December 1, 2025, and applies
to offenses charged on or after that date. The remainder of this act is effective when it becomes
law.

