Short Title:	Failure to Move Left – Fine Increased.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Representatives Setzer; and Pate.	
Referred to:	Judiciary III.	

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO INCREASE THE FINE FOR A VIOLATION OF THE INFRACTION
3   OF FAILING TO MOVE LEFT WHEN PASSING AN EMERGENCY VEHICLE
4   PARKED OR STANDING ON A ROADWAY.
5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
6   **SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-157(f) reads as rewritten:
7   "(f)   When an authorized emergency vehicle as described in subsection (a) of this
8 section is parked or standing within 12 feet of a roadway and is giving a warning signal
9 by appropriate light, the driver of every other approaching vehicle shall, as soon as it is
10 safe and when not otherwise directed by an individual lawfully directing traffic, do one
11 of the following:
12   (1)   Move the vehicle into a lane that is not the lane nearest the parked or
13   standing authorized emergency vehicle and continue traveling in that
14   lane until safely clear of the authorized emergency vehicle. This
15   paragraph applies only if the roadway has at least two lanes for traffic
16   proceeding in the direction of the approaching vehicle and if the
17   approaching vehicle may change lanes safely and without interfering
18   with any vehicular traffic.
19   (2)   Slow the vehicle, maintaining a safe speed for traffic conditions, and
20   operate the vehicle at a reduced speed until completely past the
21   authorized emergency vehicle. This paragraph applies only if the
22   roadway has only one lane for traffic proceeding in the direction of the
23   approaching vehicle or if the approaching vehicle may not change
24   lanes safely and without interfering with any vehicular traffic.
25 Violation of this subsection shall not be negligence per se.
26   A person violating this subsection shall be responsible for an infraction and shall be
27 fined up to two hundred fifty dollars ($250.00)."
28   **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2005, and applies to
29 offenses committed on or after that date.