

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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SENATE BILL 333

Short Title: Require Use of Directional Signals. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Lee, J. Jackson (Primary Sponsors); and Waddell.

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

March 22, 2017

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DRIVER OF ANY VEHICLE UPON A HIGHWAY OR  
PUBLIC VEHICULAR AREA TO GIVE A DIRECTIONAL SIGNAL BEFORE  
STARTING, STOPPING, OR TURNING THE VEHICLE FROM A DIRECT LINE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-154(a) reads as rewritten:

"(a) The driver of any vehicle upon a highway or public vehicular area before starting, ~~stopping~~ stopping, or turning from a direct line shall first (i) see that such movement can be made in safety, ~~and if any pedestrian may be affected by such movement shall~~ (ii) give a clearly audible signal by sounding the ~~horn,~~ horn if any pedestrian may be affected by the movement, and ~~whenever the operation of any other vehicle may be affected by such movement, shall~~ (iii) give a signal ~~as required in accordance with subsection (b) of this section,~~ plainly visible to the driver of ~~such any other vehicle,~~ vehicle affected by the movement, of the intention to make ~~such the~~ the movement. The driver of a vehicle shall not back the same unless ~~such the~~ the movement can be made with safety and without interfering with other traffic."

**SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2017, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

