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HOUSE BILL 460

Short Title: DWI Roadside Memorial Markers.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Ellis; Blust, Capps, Decker, Hackney, Hilton, Howard, Insko, McCombs, Russell, and Warwick.

Referred to: Transportation.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ESTABLISH A MEMORIAL MARKER PROGRAM FOR PERSONS KILLED AS A RESULT OF ACCIDENTS INVOLVING IMPAIRED DRIVING.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** Chapter 136 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

**"§ 136-43.2. Memorial marker program for persons killed on State highways.**

(a) The Department of Transportation shall expend highway funds to develop and operate a roadside memorial program for the placement of a standard memorial marker at the site of each highway fatality.

(b) The Department shall have the standard memorial marker inscribed with a symbol, developed in coordination with Mothers Against Drunk Driving, for each fatality involving impaired driving.

(c) The program shall allow for placing the following added text and symbols on the standard memorial marker, at the request of the victim's family:

(1) The victim's name.

(2) The victim's age at the time of death.

(3) The victim's religious affiliation.

(d) The program shall allow for the placing of standard symbols indicating the cause or nature of all highway fatalities not involving impaired driving by approved organizations with the concurrence of the victim's family.

(e) The costs of all text or symbols added to the standard memorial marker, pursuant to subsection (c) or (d) of this section, shall be paid by the family or the organization requesting those additions.

(f) The Department shall issue rules for the implementation of the roadside memorial program authorized by this section."

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**SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2001.