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HOUSE BILL 965

Short Title: Failure to Yield Causing Death or Injuries.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Hill; Church and Pate.

Referred to: Judiciary III.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR PERSONS WHO CAUSE INJURY OR
DEATH WHEN FAILING TO YIELD THE RIGHT-OF-WAY UNDER CERTAIN
CIRCUMSTANCES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

"§ 20-160.1. Failure to yield causing injury or death; penalties.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a person convicted of failure to yield while approaching or entering an intersection, turning left at a stop or yield sign, entering a roadway, upon the approach of an emergency vehicle, or at highway construction or maintenance shall be punished in the following manner, in addition to any other punishment:

- (1) When there is no great bodily injury or death resulting from the violation, the violator shall be fined two hundred dollars (\$200.00) and the violator's drivers license or commercial drivers license shall be suspended for 30 days.
- (2) When there is great bodily injury but no death resulting from the violation, the violator shall be fined five hundred dollars (\$500.00) and the violator's drivers license or commercial drivers license shall be suspended for 90 days.
- (3) When a death results from the violation, the violator shall be fined one thousand dollars (\$1,000) and the violator's drivers license or commercial drivers license shall be suspended for six months."

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective December 1, 2003, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.