



HOUSE BILL 93: Eliminate Tolling on Ferries

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SUMMARY: *House Bill 93 repeals DOT's authority to charge ferry tolls.*

CURRENT LAW: Current G.S. 136-82 authorizes the Board of Transportation to establish tolls on the State Ferry system. Currently, tolls are charged on the Swan Quarter/Ocracoke, Cedar Island/Ocracoke, and Southport/Fort Fisher routes.

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 93:

- Repeals the Department of Transportation's authorization to charge tolls on State ferries.
- Credits the following funds to a Ferry Capital Improvement Account in the Highway Fund for prioritized improvements to vessels and facilities of the State Ferry System: receipts from concessions, sponsorships, advertising, and other receipt generating activity of the Ferry Division; the unallotted and unencumbered balances on the last day of the fiscal year of funds appropriated from the Highway Fund to the Ferry Division; and any other funds available from appropriations by the General Assembly or from contributions and grants from public or private sources.
- Directs the Board of Transportation to stop collecting ferry tolls on the effective date of the act.
- Directs DOT to repeal its regulations implementing ferry tolls; refund prepaid tolls; and proportionately refund prepaid commuter passes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act becomes effective July 1, 2015.

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