



HOUSE BILL 21: Driver Instruction/Law Enforcement Stops.

2017-2018 General Assembly

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Introduced by:		Prepared by:	Howard Marsilio Staff Attorney
Analysis of:	S.L. 2017-95		

OVERVIEW: *S.L. 2017-95 requires the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to consult with the State Highway Patrol, the Sheriff's Association, and the Association of Chiefs of Police in including law enforcement traffic stop procedures and descriptions of appropriate driver interactions with law enforcement officers within its driver license handbook. It also requires the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) to incorporate these topics into the driver education curriculum offered at public high schools.*

The part of this act that relates to DMV becomes effective January 1, 2018. The part of this act that relates to DPI became effective July 12, 2017, and applies beginning with the 2017-2018 school year.

CURRENT LAW: DMV prepares and periodically revises the driver license handbook, which explains the traffic laws of this State.

DPI organizes and administers a standardized program of driver education offered at the public high schools of this State to make driver safety and training education available to all students.

BILL ANALYSIS:

This act requires DMV to consult with the State Highway Patrol, the Sheriff's Association, and the Association of Chiefs of Police in revising the driver license handbook to include a description of law enforcement procedures during traffic stops and the actions that a motorist should take during a traffic stop, including appropriate interactions with law enforcement officers.

This act requires DPI to consult with State Highway Patrol, the Sheriff's Association, and the Association of Chiefs of Police in revising the driver education curriculum to include law enforcement procedures during traffic stops and the actions that a motorist should take during a traffic stop, including appropriate interactions with law enforcement officers.

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