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HOUSE BILL 501: Department of Transportation Surveying Information in Plans/Department of Transportation Residue Property Disposal/Taxicab Liability Insurance.

Committee:
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Analysis of: S.L. 2017-137

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OVERVIEW: *S.L. 2017-137 requires the Department of Transportation (DOT) to include specified surveying data on plans to acquire property rights; makes changes to DOT's residue property disposal procedures; and increases the liability insurance limits for taxicabs.*

This act becomes effective October 1, 2017.

BILL ANALYSIS:

Section 1 requires DOT to include specific surveying data on plans to acquire property that depict property lines, right-of-way lines, or permanent easements. The data must be tied to the North Carolina State Plane Coordinate system. All property corner markers must be clearly identified within the plans in accordance with general surveying standards and procedures.

Section 2 codifies and makes modifications to DOT's current residue property disposition procedures, including: clarifying definitions for residue property classification; clarifying methods for disposition by either public sale, negotiation, exchange, or donation; and adding inventory management and reporting requirements. This section also creates a pilot program to reduce DOT's existing inventory of residue property.

Section 3 increases the required coverage limits for liability insurance that taxicab owners must have to obtain authorization to operate within a municipality to:

- \$100,000 because of bodily injury to or death of one person in any one accident.
- \$300,000 because of bodily injury to or death of two or more persons in any one accident.
- \$50,000 because of injury to or destruction of property of others in any one accident.

This section also eliminates the option to provide proof of responsibility by means of a trust fund or sinking fund.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The act becomes effective October 1, 2017.

BACKGROUND: The language in Section 1 was developed by the North Carolina Society of Surveyors, the North Carolina Board of Examiners for Engineers and Surveyors, and the North Carolina Department of Transportation. The intent of the language is to make the Department's plans simpler and easier to use and to eliminate confusion about property rights.

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