



HOUSE BILL 716: CMVs/Use of Platoons.

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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 716 would exempt a nonleading commercial motor vehicle traveling in a platoon from the requirement that vehicles following another vehicle leave sufficient space between them.*

CURRENT LAW: G.S. 20-152(a) requires a driver of a motor vehicle to keep a reasonable and prudent distance between vehicles when driving considering the speed of others, traffic, and highway conditions.

G.S. 20-152(b) requires a motor vehicle following another motor vehicle to leave sufficient space for a overtaking vehicle to merge without danger, if conditions permit. This subsection does not apply to funeral processions.

BILL ANALYSIS: This bill would add a subsection (c) to G.S. 20-152 exempting nonleading commercial motor vehicles traveling in a platoon, unified through an electronically interconnected braking system, from the spacing restrictions in subsection (a) and subsection (b).

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act would become effective July 1, 2017. Prosecutions for offenses committed before the effective date of this act are not abated or affected by this act, and the statutes that would be applicable but for this act remain applicable to those prosecutions.

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