



HOUSE BILL 67: Road Barrier Prohibition.

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Analysis of:	S.L. 2019-84		

OVERVIEW: *S.L. 2019-84 expands a prohibition on driving around, moving, or damaging roadway barriers erected by the North Carolina Department of Transportation (DOT) for construction work to include closures due to dangerous conditions.*

This act became effective December 1, 2019, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

CURRENT LAW: G.S. 136-26 authorizes the Department of Transportation to close transportation infrastructure for construction and erect barriers accordingly. Current law prohibits removing, damaging, or driving around these barriers. A willful violation of this section is a Class 1 misdemeanor.

BILL ANALYSIS: This act expands the authorization of the Department to close transportation infrastructure due to dangerous conditions and would further prohibit removing, damaging, or driving around closure barriers erected for this reason. It also adds an exception to the prohibitions for law enforcement, first responders, personnel of emergency management agencies, Department personnel acting in the course of their official duties, or utility services personnel acting in coordination with the Department. A willful violation of this section remains a Class 1 misdemeanor.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act became effective December 1, 2019, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

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