



HOUSE BILL 692: Restrict Certain Vehicle Modifications.

This Bill Analysis reflects the contents of the bill as it was presented in committee.

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Committee:	Senate Transportation. If favorable, re-refer to Rules and Operations of the Senate	Date:	June 30, 2021
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OVERVIEW: House Bill 692 would prohibit private passenger automobiles from being elevated by more than three inches above the manufacturer's specified height in the front and two inches below the manufacturer's specified height in the rear. House Bill 692 would make violations of the prohibition an infraction and the third or subsequent convictions would result in license revocation for at least one year.

CURRENT LAW: G.S. 20-135.4 defines a private passenger automobile as a four-wheeled motor vehicle designed for carrying passengers on public roads and highways and excepts certain vehicles constructed on a truck chassis or with features for occasional off-road use. G.S. 20-135.4 prohibits passenger motor vehicles from being elevated or lowered by more than 6 inches outside the manufacturer's specified height in the front or rear.

BILL ANALYSIS:

Section 1 of House Bill 692 would:

- Redefine private passenger automobile to mean a four-wheeled motor vehicle designed primarily for carrying passengers on public roads and highways.
- Prohibit private passenger automobiles from being elevated by more than three inches above the manufacturer's specified height in the front and two inches below the manufacturer's specified height in the rear.

Section 2 of House Bill 692 would:

- Classify convictions as an infraction with a maximum penalty of \$100.00.
- Require licenses to be revoked for at least one year for a third or subsequent conviction.
- Define a third or subsequent conviction as any conviction occurring while a person has two or more previous convictions for the same offense that occurred in the 12 months immediately preceding the date of the current infraction.

Section 3 of the bill would stipulate that license revocations for a third or subsequent conviction be for at least one year.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The act would become effective on December 1, 2021, and apply to offenses committed on or after that date.

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