



HOUSE BILL 692: Restrict Certain Vehicle Modifications.

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Analysis of:	S.L. 2021-128		Staff Attorney

OVERVIEW: *S.L. 2021-128 prohibits operation of a private passenger automobile on a highway or public vehicular area if the suspension, frame, or chassis has been altered so that the front fender is four or more inches above the height of the rear fender. The act requires a drivers license to be revoked for at least one year for a third or subsequent conviction in the same 12-month period.*

This act became effective on December 1, 2021, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

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 redefines a private passenger automobile, for the purposes of G.S. 20-135.4, to mean a four-wheeled motor vehicle designed primarily for carrying passengers on public roads and highways and prohibits the operation of such a vehicle on a highway or public vehicular area if its suspension, frame, or chassis has been altered so that the front fender is four or more inches above the rear fender. Section 1 of the act provides that such a measurement is taken vertically, from and perpendicular to the ground, through the centerline of the wheel, and to the bottom of the fender.
- Section 2 requires a drivers license to be revoked for a third or subsequent conviction of the prohibited operation if at least two prior convictions occurred in the preceding 12-month period.
- Section 3 provides that license revocations for a third or subsequent conviction occurring in the same 12-month period be for at least one year.

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

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