



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

# HOUSE BILL 692: Restrict Certain Vehicle Modifications.

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<b>Introduced by:</b> Reps. B. Jones, Bell, Saine, Hardister	<b>Prepared by:</b> Jennifer H. Bedford
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### OVERVIEW: House Bill 692 would:

- Prohibit the operation of a private passenger automobile which has been altered so that the front fender is four or more inches above the height of the rear fender, on a highway or public vehicular area.
- Make a third or subsequent violation of the prohibition within 12 months 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 the operation of a private passenger automobiles which has been altered so that the front fender is four or more inches above the rear fender, on a highway or public vehicular area.

#### Section 2 of House Bill 692 would:

- Require a license to be revoked for a third or subsequent conviction for the prohibited operation of a private passenger automobile, within 12 months.

**Section 3** of the bill would provide 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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