



# HOUSE BILL 275: Failure to Yield Penalties.

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## OVERVIEW:

### CURRENT LAW:

**G.S. 20-175.2** entitles blind or partially blind pedestrians using a guide dog or a white or white tipped with red cane to the right-of-way at crossings and intersections that are not regulated by a traffic officer or traffic-control signal, and requires all vehicles to stop until the pedestrian has fully crossed. Additionally, it requires vehicles at intersections regulated by a traffic-control signal to remain stopped if a signal changes and a blind or partially blind person is partly across the intersection until the person completes the crossing.

A violation of this statute is a Class 2 misdemeanor.

**G.S. 20-160.1** provides for the offense of failure to yield when approaching or entering an intersection, turning at a stop or yield sign, entering a roadway, upon the approach of an emergency vehicle, or at highway construction or maintenance and causing serious bodily injury.

A violation of this statute is an infraction, with a mandatory fine of \$500 and a 90-day license revocation.

### BILL ANALYSIS:

**Section 1** of the PCS would amend G.S. 20-175.2 to specifically state that violation is a Class 2 misdemeanor.

**Section 2** would amend G.S. 20-160.1 to increase the penalty to a Class 2 misdemeanor and continue to require a \$500 fine and a 90-day license revocation.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This act would become effective December 1, 2025, and apply to offenses committed on or after that date.

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