NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NUMBER: House Bill 148, Proposed House Committee Substitute

SHORT TITLE: Left Turn on Red

SPONSOR(S): Representative Robert J. Hensley, Jr.

FISCAL IMPACT: Expenditures: Increase (X) Decrease ()

Revenues: Increase () Decrease ()

No Impact ()

No Estimate Available ()

FUND AFFECTED: General Fund () Highway Fund (X) Local Govt. ()

Other Funds ()

BILL SUMMARY: An act to allow left turns on red in certain

situations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 1, 1995

PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S)/PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED: Department of

Transportation

Division of Highways

FISCAL IMPACT

FY FY FY FY

1995-96 1996-97 1997-98 1998-99 1999-20

REVENUES:

GENERAL FUND

HIGHWAY FUND

HIGHWAY TRUST FUND

LOCAL

EXPENDITURES \$10,000 -- -- --

POSITIONS:

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:

SOURCES OF DATA: Department of Transportation - State Traffic Engineer

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS: The State Traffic Engineer estimates that 100 locations across the State will require signs prohibiting left turns on red. Each of the 14 Division Traffic Engineers will determine the locations in rural areas and small towns that have poor sight distance that would make turning left on red a dangerous maneuver. In cities, the Division Traffic Engineers and the Area Traffic Engineers will work with city traffic engineers to determine where left turns should not be allowed. The approximate cost of erecting a sign is \$100 for materials and labor. At \$100.00 per sign, the signing of 100 locations will cost \$10,000 next fiscal year. This nominal cost can be

absorbed in each division's maintenance budget. No new appropriation is necessary. 31 states now allow left turn on red.

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