

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 877

Short Title: Speed to Elude Arrest.

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Sponsors: Senators Ledbetter; Allran, Ballantine, Blust, Carpenter, Cochrane, East, Forrester, Garwood, McDaniel, Page, Rucho, and Shaw of Guilford.

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Referred to: Judiciary.

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April 15, 1997

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PENALTY FOR SPEEDING TO ELUDE ARREST.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 20-141(j) reads as rewritten:

"(j) A person who does one of the following while fleeing or attempting to elude arrest or apprehension by a law enforcement officer with authority to enforce the motor vehicle laws is guilty of a Class 1 ~~misdemeanor~~; however, if the law enforcement officer is driving a police vehicle and gives the appropriate warning signal by blue lights and siren and a person violates this subsection, the person is guilty of a Class H felony:

(1) Drives a vehicle on a street or highway in excess of 55 miles per hour and more than 15 miles per hour over the legal limit.

(2) Drives a vehicle in excess of 80 miles per hour."

Section 2. This act becomes effective December 1, 1997, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.