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SENATE BILL 1508

Short Title: Highway Patrol Aircraft.

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Sponsors: Senator Gulley.

Referred to: Appropriations.

May 28, 1998

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CRIME CONTROL AND PUBLIC SAFETY FOR THE HIGHWAY PATROL.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. The State Highway Patrol may use funds appropriated for the 1998-99 fiscal year to deploy airplanes and helicopters to discover violations of Part 10 of Article 3 of Chapter 20 of the General Statutes relating to operations of motor vehicles and rules of the road.

Section 2. G.S. 20-196.1 is repealed.

Section 3. G.S. 20-196.2 reads as rewritten:

"§ 20-196.2. Use of airplanes to discover certain motor vehicle violations of §§ 20ipilots and observers; declaration of policy.

The State Highway Patrol is hereby permitted the use of airplanes to discover violations of Part 10 of Article 3 of Chapter 20 of the General Statutes relating to operation of motor vehicles and rules of the road; provided, however, neither the observer nor the pilot shall be competent to testify in any court of law in a criminal action charging violations of G.S. 20-141, 20-141.1, and 20-144. road. It is hereby declared the public policy of North Carolina that the airplanes should be used primarily for accident prevention and should also be used incident to the issuance of warning citations in accordance with the provisions of G.S. 20-183."

1 Section 4. This act becomes effective July 1, 1998.