

May 20, 2008

**H 2340. TRANSPORTING CHILDREN IN OPEN BED OF VEHICLE (=S 1734).** Filed 5/20/08. *TO INCREASE THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN WHO RIDE IN THE BACK OF PICKUP TRUCKS OR OPEN BEDS OF VEHICLES BY RAISING THE MINIMUM AGE, REMOVING THE EXEMPTIONS THAT MAKE ALLOWANCES FOR SMALL COUNTIES AND ADULTS RIDING WITH CHILDREN, AND INCREASE THE PENALTIES TO BE IN LINE WITH OTHER CHILD SAFETY VIOLATIONS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CHILD FATALITY TASK FORCE.* Identical to S 1734, filed 5/20/08.

**Intro. by Weiss.**

GS 20

June 9, 2008

**H 2340. TRANSPORTING CHILDREN IN OPEN BED OF VEHICLE.** Filed 5/20/08. House committee substitute makes the following change to 1st edition. Clarifies that the act applies to offenses committed on or after the October 1, 2008, effective date.

June 24, 2008

**H 2340. TRANSPORTING CHILDREN IN OPEN BED OF VEHICLE.** Filed 5/20/08. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Amends GS 20-135.2B to remove the proposed new language that provided that a violation of the statute was not evidence of negligence or contributory negligence. Also removes language that prohibited the assessment of an insurance surcharge based on a violation of the statute.

June 26, 2008

**H 2340. TRANSPORTING CHILDREN IN OPEN BED OF VEHICLE.** Filed 5/20/08. House amendment makes the following changes to 3rd edition. Amends GS 20-135.2B(d) to remove language prohibiting assessing drivers license points on account of violation of the statute and restores language prohibiting assessing an insurance surcharge.

July 7, 2008

**H 2340. TRANSPORTING CHILDREN IN OPEN BED OF VEHICLE.** Filed 5/20/08. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 4th edition. Amends GS 20-135.2B as follows (1) reinstates the exemption to the prohibition of transporting children under 16 in a vehicle's bed or cargo area for instances when an adult is present in the bed or cargo area and supervising the child, (2) clarifies the agricultural enterprise exemption to provide that the exemption includes providing transportation to and from the principal place of the agricultural enterprise, and (3) deletes the provision allowing a person to be assessed two drivers license points for violations and instead reinstates language prohibiting the assessment of drivers license points. Changes the title to: *AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN WHO RIDE IN THE BACK OF PICKUP TRUCKS OR OPEN BEDS OF VEHICLES BY RAISING THE MINIMUM AGE, REMOVING THE EXEMPTION THAT MAKES ALLOWANCE FOR SMALL COUNTIES, AND MODIFYING THE EXEMPTION THAT MAKES AN ALLOWANCE FOR AGRICULTURAL ENTERPRISES, AND INCREASE THE PENALTIES.*

July 16, 2008

**H 2340. TRANSPORTING CHILDREN IN OPEN BED OF VEHICLE.** Filed 5/20/08. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 5th edition. Amends GS 20-135.2B(b)(4) to clarify that the prohibition on transporting children under 16 in the open bed or cargo area of a vehicle does not apply to any vehicle operated in a parade (was, a vehicle operated in a parade pursuant to a valid permit).

July 17, 2008

**H 2340. TRANSPORTING CHILDREN IN OPEN BED OF VEHICLE.** Filed 5/20/08. Senate amendment makes the following changes to 6th edition. Amends proposed revised GS 20-

135.2B(c) by restoring existing language that a person found responsible for a violation of this statute may not be assessed court costs (was, requiring the assessment of court costs in the previous edition).

August 20, 2008

**SL 2008-216 (H 2340). TRANSPORTING CHILDREN IN OPEN BED OF VEHICLE. AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN WHO RIDE IN THE BACK OF PICKUP TRUCKS OR OPEN BEDS OF VEHICLES BY RAISING THE MINIMUM AGE, REMOVING THE EXEMPTION THAT MAKES ALLOWANCE FOR SMALL COUNTIES, AND MODIFYING THE EXEMPTION THAT MAKES AN ALLOWANCE FOR AGRICULTURAL ENTERPRISES, AND INCREASE THE PENALTIES.** Summarized in *Daily Bulletin* 5/20/08, 6/9/08, 6/24/08, 6/26/08, 7/7/08, 7/16/08, and 7/17/08. Enacted August 16, 2008. Effective October 1, 2008.