

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2013**

**SESSION LAW 2014-71
HOUSE BILL 375**

AN ACT TO ALLOW PASSENGER BUSES OWNED AND OPERATED BY THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE TO HAVE AN OVERALL LENGTH OF SIXTY FEET OR LESS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Chapter 317 of the 1955 Session Laws is repealed.

SECTION 2. G.S. 20-116(l) reads as rewritten:

"(l) ~~Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the operation of passenger buses that are owned and operated by units of local government, operated as a single vehicle only and having an overall length of 45 feet or less, on public streets or highways. A unit of local government may own and operate as a single vehicle passenger buses having an overall length of not more than 60 feet on public streets or highways; provided that passenger buses having an overall length of more than 45 feet but not more than 60 feet shall be operated primarily on public streets or highways with a posted speed limit of 45 miles per hour or greater.~~ The Department of Transportation may prevent the operation of buses that are authorized under this subsection if the operation of such buses on a street or highway presents a hazard to passengers of the buses or to the motoring public."

SECTION 3. This act applies to the City of Charlotte only, which may operate passenger buses having an overall length of 45 feet or less throughout the State and passenger buses having an overall length of more than 45 feet but not more than 60 feet within the County of Mecklenburg or any county contiguous to the County of Mecklenburg.

SECTION 4. This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 17th day of July, 2014.

s/ Philip E. Berger
President Pro Tempore of the Senate

s/ Thom Tillis
Speaker of the House of Representatives

