

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2013

H

2

HOUSE BILL 684
Committee Substitute Favorable 5/13/13

Short Title: Increase Driveway Safety on Curvy Roads.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

April 11, 2013

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO INCREASE DRIVEWAY SAFETY ON CURVY ROADS.
3 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

4 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Transportation shall consider exceptions to the
5 sight distance requirement for driveway locations in instances where the curves of the road are
6 close and frequent. Exceptions shall be granted in instances where sufficient sight distance can
7 be provided or established through other means such as advisory speed signs, convex mirrors,
8 and advanced warning signs. When appropriate, the Department shall consider lowering the
9 speed limit on the relevant portion of the road. The Department may require a driveway permit
10 applicant to cover the cost of installing the appropriate signage around the driveway, including
11 speed limit reduction and driveway warning signs, and may also require the applicant to install
12 and maintain convex or other mirrors to increase the safety around the driveway location.

13 **SECTION 2.** This act applies only to sections of roadway where the minimum
14 sight distance as defined in the published "Policy on Street and Driveway Access to North
15 Carolina Highways" is not available for a proposed driveway.

16 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Transportation shall report to the Joint
17 Legislative Oversight Committee on Transportation on its implementation of the change
18 required by this act within 180 days of this act becoming law.

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



* H 6 8 4 - V - 2 *