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HOUSE BILL 1321

Short Title: NC Forestry Service Weight and Size Exemption. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Clary, Moore (Primary Sponsors); Faison and Justice.

Referred to: Transportation.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION TO STATE AND LOCAL FIREFIGHTING
3 AGENCIES TRANSPORTING OVERWEIGHT AND OVERSIZED VEHICLES
4 BEING USED TO COMBAT FOREST FIRES, WILDFIRES, AND OTHER FIRES
5 ASSOCIATED WITH NATURAL DISASTERS.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 SECTION 1. Chapter 20 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a
8 new section to read:

9 "**§ 20-118.4. Exempt firefighting equipment from size and weight restrictions while**
10 **transporting or moving heavy equipment in an emergency.**

11 Any State or local fire protection agency shall be exempt from the size and weight
12 restrictions of this Chapter and shall not be required to operate pursuant to any rules
13 established by the Department of Transportation while actively engaged in an
14 emergency response to a forest fire, wildfire, or any fire associated with a natural
15 disaster. An emergency response is that period of time from which the fire protection
16 agency is notified to respond to a scene and lasts until all equipment is returned to its
17 original location and put back into service for another emergency response.

18 At all other times, a State or local fire protection agency shall be required to operate
19 its equipment subject to the size and weight provisions of this Chapter and pursuant to
20 any rules established by the Department of Transportation."

21 SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.