

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 2730

Short Title: DOT Study Noise Walls. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives T. Harrell, Harrison, Samuelson, Avila (Primary Sponsors); Blust and Lucas.

Referred to: Transportation.

May 28, 2008

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO STUDY
3 AMENDING ITS STANDARDS FOR PLACEMENT OF SOUND BARRIERS IN
4 ORDER TO PROTECT RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITIES LOCATED NEAR ITS
5 FACILITIES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE
6 TRANSPORTATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.

7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Transportation shall study the feasibility of
9 amending its standards for construction of sound barriers to allow construction of sound
10 barriers along existing highways that generate a significant noise impact, in order to
11 mitigate the impact of noise on residential communities adjacent to those highways.

12 **SECTION 2.** The Department shall report the findings of its study, including
13 costs associated with changing the standard and potential sources of funds for additional
14 sound barrier construction, to the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee
15 by October 1, 2008.

16 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.