

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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**SENATE BILL 540
Transportation Committee Substitute Adopted 4/15/15**

Short Title: Priority Pass/Ferry.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 30, 2015

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A SET FEE AMOUNT FOR THE ISSUANCE OF AN ANNUAL
3 PASS THAT ENTITLES A PASSENGER TO PRIORITY WHEN BOARDING A FERRY
4 PASSENGER VESSEL.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 136-82(f) reads as rewritten:

7 "(f) Authority to Generate Certain Receipts. – The Department of Transportation,
8 notwithstanding any other provision of law, may operate or contract for the following
9 receipt-generating activities and use the proceeds for ferry passenger vessel replacement
10 projects in the manner set forth in subsection (d) of this section:

11 ...

12 (3a) Issuance of annual passes to individual passengers that entitle the passengers
13 to priority when boarding a ferry passenger vessel. The Department of
14 Transportation shall charge an annual fee of one hundred fifty dollars
15 (\$150.00) for each pass issued under this subdivision. The fee would be in
16 addition to any applicable ferry toll. Notwithstanding any other provision of
17 law, the Department of Transportation shall not provide free of charge
18 annual passes to individual passengers that entitle the passengers to priority
19 when boarding a ferry passenger vessel.

20 ...

21 The Department may issue rules to implement this subsection."

22 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2015, and applies to passes issued
23 on or after that date.



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