

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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SENATE DRS85015-MA-135 (1/31)

Short Title: Penalty for DWI Conviction/BAC .20 or Higher.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Vaughan.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE, IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER PENALTIES IMPOSED BY THE  
3 PRESIDING JUDGE, THAT A PERSON CONVICTED OF DRIVING WHILE  
4 IMPAIRED BE IMPRISONED FOR A PERIOD OF TWENTY-FOUR HOURS IN A  
5 CONFINEMENT FACILITY.  
6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:  
7 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-179 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:  
8 "(f3) A defendant convicted of impaired driving and the evidence having shown that the  
9 defendant had an alcohol concentration of .20 or higher shall be imprisoned for a mandatory  
10 period of 24 hours. This period of imprisonment is to run consecutively, not concurrently, with  
11 any other penalty imposed under the provisions of this section."  
12 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2009, and applies to  
13 offenses committed on or after that date.



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