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HOUSE BILL 418

Short Title: SOS/Save Our Street Signs. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Clampitt.

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Referred to: Transportation, if favorable, Judiciary II

March 22, 2017

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTY FOR DAMAGING OR REMOVING STREET
SIGNS AND PROVIDING THAT REWARD FUNDS FOR INFORMATION LEADING
TO THE ARREST AND CONVICTION OF A PERSON WHO DAMAGES OR
REMOVES STREET SIGNS SHALL BE DEDUCTED FROM THE 911 FUND.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 136-33 reads as rewritten:

"§ 136-33. **Damaging or removing signs; rewards.**

(a) No person shall willfully deface, damage, knock down or remove any sign posted as provided in G.S. 136-26 or G.S. 136-30.

(b) No person, without just cause or excuse, shall have in his possession any highway sign as provided in G.S. 136-26 or G.S. 136-30.

(b1) Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a Class ~~2-1~~ misdemeanor.

(c) The Department of Transportation is authorized to offer a reward not to exceed ~~five hundred dollars (\$500.00)~~ one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for information leading to the arrest and conviction of persons who violate the provisions of this section, such reward to be paid from funds of the ~~Department of Transportation~~ 911 Fund established under G.S. 143B-1404.

(d) The enforcement of this section shall be the specific responsibility and duty of the State Highway Patrol in addition to all other law-enforcement agencies and officers within this State."

SECTION 2. G.S. 143B-1404 reads as rewritten:

"§ 143B-1404. **911 Fund.**

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(a1) Reward Funds. – The 911 Board shall deduct and retain one percent (1%) of the total service charges remitted to it under G.S. 143B-1403 for deposit in the 911 Fund for the purpose of funding the reward under G.S. 136-33(c).

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SECTION 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 2017.

