



## WE URGE YOU TO SUPPORT SENATE BILL 339

### Senate Bill 339 Modify Limited Driving Privilege/ Criminal Laws

Primary Sponsors: Senators Britt, Lazzara, and Mohammed

#### WHY REFORM IS NEEDED:

- Hundreds of thousands of North Carolinians have suspended driver's licenses for matters that are not related to public safety.
- In a rural state like North Carolina, where 95% of residents drive to work, the lack of a driver's license is a significant barrier to meaningful employment. It can also make it hard to obtain affordable housing, attend doctor's appointments, and care for one's family.
- Driver's License suspensions, such as permanent suspensions for *Driving While License Revoked Not Impaired*, can result in motorists being locked in an unending cycle of license revocation.
- Under N.C. Gen. Stat. 20-28.1, a person who was convicted of *Driving While License Revoked Not Impaired* before December 1, 2015, or a moving violation (such as speeding) while their license is already suspended, faces the following consequences:
  - o Additional one-year suspension for the first Driving While License Revoked conviction;
  - o Additional two-year suspension for the second Driving While License Revoked conviction;
  - o Permanent suspension for the third (or more) Driving While License Revoked conviction. Under the law, a person can request a DMV hearing to end the permanent suspension after three years.

#### MAJOR COMPONENTS OF SENATE BILL 339:

- Eliminates the additional one-year suspension, the additional two-year suspension, and the permanent suspension for *Driving While License Revoked Not Impaired* convictions that happened before December 1, 2015.
- Eliminates the additional one-year suspension for the first moving violation conviction during a period of suspension; Amends the suspension period for the second moving violation during a period of suspension from two years to one year; Ends permanent suspensions for three or more moving violation convictions.