

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**SESSION 1999**

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**HOUSE BILL 1641\***

Short Title: Charlotte Wheel Locks Allowed.

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Sponsors: Representatives Gulley, Earle, Rayfield; Alexander, Bridgeman, Cunningham, Easterling, McMahan, Saunders, and C. Wilson.

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Referred to: Local Government I.

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May 22, 2000

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

**AN ACT TO PERMIT THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE TO USE WHEEL LOCKS TO ENFORCE PARKING ORDINANCES.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Chapter VI, Subchapter A, Article II of the Charter of the City of Charlotte, being Chapter 713 of the 1965 Session Laws, is amended by adding a new section:

"Section 6.26. TOWING PENALTIES. The Council may provide by ordinance that any vehicle that has been towed for a parking violation is to be held until the towing fee and penalties related to all outstanding parking tickets and penalties owed to the city are paid in full, or a bond is posted in the amount of the towing fee and all outstanding parking tickets and penalties. Payment of the towing fee and all outstanding parking tickets and penalties shall not constitute a waiver of a person's right to contest the towing or the outstanding parking tickets and penalties."

Section 2. Chapter VI, Subchapter A, Article II of the Charter of the City of Charlotte, being Chapter 713 of the 1965 Session Laws, is amended by adding a new section:

"Section 6.27. WHEEL LOCKS PERMITTED. The Council may provide by ordinance for the use of wheel locks on illegally parked vehicles for which there are three

1 or more outstanding, unpaid, and overdue parking tickets for a period of 90 days. The  
2 ordinance shall provide for notice or warning to be affixed to the vehicle, immobilization,  
3 towing, impoundment, appeal hearing, an immobilization fee not to exceed fifty dollars  
4 (\$50.00), and charges for towing and storage. The city shall not be responsible for any  
5 damage to an immobilized illegally parked vehicle resulting from unauthorized attempts  
6 to free or move that vehicle."

7           Section 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.