GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 1999

SESSION LAW 1999-80
HOUSE BILL 870

AN ACT TO ALLOW MAGISTRATES TO ACCEPT WAIVERS AND ENTER JUDGMENT IN CERTAIN CASES INVOLVING REGULATION OF THE USE OF MOTOR VEHICLES ON BEACHES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 7A-273 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:
"(2a)   In misdemeanor cases involving the violation of a county ordinance authorized by law regulating the use of dune or beach buggies or other power-driven vehicles specified by the governing body of the county on the foreshore, beach strand, or the barrier dune system, to accept written appearances, waivers of trial or hearing, and pleas of guilty or admissions of responsibility, in accordance with the schedule of offenses and fines or penalties promulgated by the Conference of Chief District Court Judges pursuant to G.S. 7A-148, and in such cases, to enter judgment and collect the fines or penalties and costs;"

Section 2. G.S. 7A-148(a) reads as rewritten:
"(a)   The chief district judges of the various district court districts shall meet at least once a year upon call of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court to discuss mutual problems affecting the courts and the improvement of court operations, to prepare and adopt uniform schedules of offenses for the types of offenses specified in G.S. 7A-273(2) and G.S. 7A-273(2a) for which magistrates and clerks of court may accept written appearances, waivers of trial or hearing and pleas of guilty or admissions of responsibility, and establish a schedule of penalties or fines therefor, and to take such further action as may be found practicable and desirable to promote the uniform administration of justice."

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

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 13th day of May, 1999.

s/ Dennis A. Wicker
President of the Senate

s/ James B. Black
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/   James B. Hunt, Jr.
Governor

Approved 3:59 p.m. this 21st day of May, 1999