

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2001**

**SESSION LAW 2002-23
HOUSE BILL 1616**

**AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A NO-WAKE ZONE AROUND EAGLE POINT NATURE
PRESERVE ON HIGH ROCK RESERVOIR IN ROWAN COUNTY.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. It is unlawful to operate a vessel at greater than no-wake speed on the waters of High Rock Lake Reservoir within 200 feet of the boundaries designated as Eagle Point Nature Preserve in Rowan County. No-wake speed is idle speed or a slow speed creating no appreciable wake.

SECTION 2. It is unlawful to operate any motorboat or other vessel that produces its power through gasoline combustion within the no-wake zone established in Section 1 of this act, unless the vessel is under the power of an electric motor or hand or foot power while in the no-wake zone.

SECTION 3. It is unlawful to discharge firearms or fireworks or to create noise using mechanical apparatus while in the no-wake zone.

SECTION 4. With regard to marking the no-wake speed zone established in Section 1 of this act, Rowan County or its designee may place and maintain markers in accordance with the Uniform Waterway Marking System and any supplementary standards for that system adopted by the Wildlife Resources Commission. All markers of the no-wake speed zone shall be buoys or floating signs placed in the water and shall be sufficient in number and size so as to give adequate warning of the no-wake speed zone to vessels approaching from various directions.

SECTION 5. This act is enforceable under G.S. 75A-17 as if it were a provision of Chapter 75A of the General Statutes.

SECTION 6. Violation of this act is an infraction punishable by a fine of not more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) for a first offense, and punishable for a second or subsequent offense as a Class 3 misdemeanor.

SECTION 7. This act applies only to Rowan County.

SECTION 8. This act is effective when it becomes law and is enforceable after markers complying with Section 4 of this act are placed in the water.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 18th day of July, 2002.

s/ Beverly E. Perdue
President of the Senate

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