

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2003**

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**SENATE BILL 57  
Judiciary II Committee Substitute Adopted 3/26/03  
House Committee Substitute Favorable 5/22/03**

Short Title: Municipal Wheel Lock Authorization.

(Local)

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Sponsors:

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Referred to:

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February 18, 2003

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO ALLOW THE TOWNS OF CAROLINA BEACH AND  
2 WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH TO USE WHEEL LOCKS ON ILLEGALLY PARKED  
3 VEHICLES.  
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 2 of Chapter 291 of the 1993 Session Laws, as  
7 amended by Chapter 381 of the 1995 Session Laws, S.L. 1997-218, and S.L. 2002-127,  
8 reads as rewritten:

9 "Sec. 2. This act applies to the Cities of Durham, Greensboro, Lenoir, Monroe,  
10 Raleigh, ~~and Winston-Salem~~ Winston-Salem, and the Town of Wrightsville Beach only.  
11 This act shall also apply to the City of Wilmington, but only as to the area in the central  
12 business district as defined in that City's zoning ordinance as of June 1, 1997."

13 **SECTION 2.** The council of a city may provide, by ordinance, for the use of  
14 wheel locks on illegally parked vehicles for which there are three or more outstanding,  
15 unpaid, and overdue parking tickets issued on at least three separate days. The  
16 ordinance shall provide for notice or warning to be affixed to the vehicle,  
17 immobilization, towing, impoundment, appeal hearing, an immobilization fee not to  
18 exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00), and charges for towing and storage. The city shall not be  
19 responsible for any damage to an immobilized illegally parked vehicle resulting from  
20 unauthorized attempts to free or move that vehicle.

21 **SECTION 3.** Section 1 of this act applies to the Town of Wrightsville Beach  
22 only.

23 **SECTION 4.** Section 2 of this act applies to the Town of Carolina Beach  
24 only.

25 **SECTION 5.** This act is effective when it becomes law.