

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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**SENATE BILL 57
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Short Title: Municipal Wheel Lock Authorization.

(Local)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO ALLOW THE TOWNS OF CAROLINA BEACH, WRIGHTSVILLE
3 BEACH, AND YADKINVILLE TO USE WHEEL LOCKS ON ILLEGALLY
4 PARKED VEHICLES.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** The council of a city may provide, by ordinance, for the use of
7 wheel locks on illegally parked vehicles for which there are three or more outstanding,
8 unpaid, and overdue parking tickets issued on at least three separate days. The
9 ordinance shall provide for notice or warning to be affixed to the vehicle,
10 immobilization, towing, impoundment, appeal hearing, an immobilization fee not to
11 exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00), and charges for towing and storage. The city shall not be
12 responsible for any damage to an immobilized illegally parked vehicle resulting from
13 unauthorized attempts to free or move that vehicle.

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

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

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

23 **SECTION 4.** Section 2 of this act applies to the Town of Yadkinville only.

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