

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1985 SESSION

CHAPTER 672
HOUSE BILL 623

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE SECRETARY OF HUMAN RESOURCES TO
REGULATE TRAFFIC.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 143-116.7(a) is amended by deleting the word "All" at the beginning of the first sentence and substituting the phrase "Except as otherwise provided in this section, all".

Sec. 2. G.S. 143-116.7(b) is rewritten to read:

"(b) The Secretary of Human Resources may promulgate regulations consistent with the provisions of Chapter 20 of the General Statutes, with respect to the use of the streets, alleys, and driveways of institutions of the Department of Human Resources. Based upon a traffic and engineering investigation, the Secretary of Human Resources may also determine and establish speed limits on streets lower than those provided in G.S. 20- 141."

Sec. 3. G.S. 143-116.7 is further amended by rewriting subsections (c) and (d) and adding subsections (e) through (g) as follows:

"(c) The Secretary may, by regulation, regulate parking and establish parking areas on the grounds of institutions of the Department of Human Resources.

(d) The Secretary may, by regulation, provide for the registration and parking of motor vehicles maintained and operated by employees of the institution, and may fix fees, not to exceed ten dollars (\$10.00) per year, for such registration.

(e) Regulations adopted under this section may provide that violation subjects the offender to a civil penalty, not to exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00). Penalties may be graduated according to the seriousness of the offense or the number of prior offenses by the person charged but shall not exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00). The Secretary may establish procedures for the collection of penalties, and they may be enforced by civil action in the nature of debt.

(f) A regulation adopted under this section may provide for the removal of illegally parked motor vehicles. Any such removal must be in compliance with Article 7A of Chapter 20 of the General Statutes.

(g) Any person violating a regulation adopted under this section or a provision of Chapter 20 of the General Statutes made applicable to the grounds of State institutions under this section shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00). A regulation may provide that certain acts prohibited thereby shall not be enforced by criminal sanctions, and in such cases a person committing any such act shall not be guilty of a misdemeanor.

(h) Any fees or civil penalties collected pursuant to this section shall be deposited in the General Fund Budget Code of the institution where the fees or fines are collected and shall only be used to support the cost of administration of this section."

Sec. 4. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 10th day of July, 1985.