

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1987 SESSION

CHAPTER 696
HOUSE BILL 725

AN ACT CONCERNING TRAFFIC REGULATIONS AT THE
GREENSBORO/HIGH POINT/WINSTON-SALEM REGIONAL AIRPORT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Chapter 1273 of the Session Laws of 1953, as amended by Chapter 245, Session Laws of 1961, Chapter 354, Session Laws of 1975, and Chapter 431, Session Laws of 1983, is amended as follows:

(1) By adding to Section 2 after the last sentence, a new sentence to read:

"The term 'street or roadway' as used herein shall mean those portions of the Greensboro/High Point/Winston-Salem Regional Airport which have been improved and designed and are ordinarily used for ground motor vehicular traffic, except those portions so improved within the Air Operations Area as said area is defined and established from time to time by the Greensboro-High Point Airport Authority."

(2) By adding after Section 3.1 and before Section 4 a new section to read:

"Sec. 3.2. All of the provisions of Chapter 20 of the General Statutes of North Carolina relating to the use of streets, highways and public vehicular areas and the operation of motor vehicles thereon shall apply to the streets and roadways and parking lots and parking structures designed for ground transportation motor vehicles of the Greensboro/High Point/Winston-Salem Regional Airport. Any person violating any of the provisions of Chapter 20 as so applied shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished as prescribed by Chapter 20 for such violations. Nothing herein contained shall be construed as in any way interfering with the ownership or control of said streets and roadways and parking lots and parking structures by the Greensboro-High Point Airport Authority. The Board of Directors of Greensboro-High Point Airport Authority may also adopt rules and regulations relating to the use of the streets and roadways and parking lots and parking structures of the Airport not inconsistent with the provisions of Chapter 20, including rules and regulations fixing speed limits lower than those provided in Chapter 20."

(3) By rewriting Section 5 to read:

"Sec. 5. Violation of any rule or regulation adopted by the Board of Directors of the Greensboro-High Point Airport Authority relating to the use, operation and parking of motor vehicles on the streets and roadways and in parking lots and parking structures designed for ground transportation motor vehicles of the Greensboro/High Point/Winston-Salem Regional Airport shall be an infraction punishable by a penalty of not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00). Violation of any other rule or regulation

adopted by the Board of Directors of the Greensboro-High Point Airport Authority pursuant to this act shall be a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00) or imprisonment for a period of time not to exceed 10 days, in the discretion of the court."

- (4) By deleting from the first sentence of Section 5.1 the words "and be discharged from any criminal prosecution or penalties for such violation" and substituting in place thereof the following:

"and such payment shall constitute an admission of responsibility for the infraction and a waiver of the right to a hearing thereon; and such person shall not be required to appear at any judicial proceeding to answer said violation, and such person shall be exempt from any further penalty".

- (5) By deleting the words "Greensboro-High Point Airport" wherever said words appear, and substituting in place thereof the words "Greensboro/High Point/Winston-Salem Regional Airport".

Sec. 2. If any one or more sections, clauses, sentences or parts of this act shall be adjudged invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remaining provisions thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the specific provisions held invalid, and the inapplicability or invalidity of any section, clause, sentence or part of this act in one or more instances or circumstances shall not be taken to affect or prejudice in any way its applicability or validity in any other instance.

Sec. 3. Prosecutions for offenses occurring before the effective date of this act are not abated or affected by this act, and the statutes that would be applicable but for this act remain applicable to those prosecutions.

Sec. 4. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 29th day of July, 1987.