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**HOUSE BILL 876**

Senate Agriculture, Marine Resources, and Wildlife Committee Adopted 6/28/93

Short Title: Waccamaw River No-Wake Zone.

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April 12, 1993

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A NO-WAKE ZONE ON A PORTION OF THE  
WACCAMAW AND PAMLICO RIVERS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. It is unlawful to operate a vessel at greater than a no-wake speed in that portion of the Waccamaw River running from the point at which the bridge on State Road 904 crosses the river south to the Richard Boone property in Columbus County, a point one and one-half miles south of the point where State Road 1940 terminates at the river. No-wake speed is idle speed or a slow speed creating no appreciable wake.

Sec. 2. It is unlawful to operate a vessel at greater than no-wake speed in the Pamlico River between U.S. 17 bridge and the Norfolk Southern Railroad trestle.

Sec. 3. With regard to marking the no-wake speed zone established in Sections 1 and 2 of this act, Columbus County and the City of Washington, respectively, or their designees may place and maintain the markers in accordance with the Uniform Waterway Marking System and any supplementary standards for such system adopted by the Wildlife Resources Commission. All markers of the no-wake speed zone must be buoys or floating signs placed in the water and must be sufficient in number and size as to give adequate warning of the no-wake speed zone to vessels approaching from various directions.

Sec. 4. This act is enforceable under G.S. 75A-17 as if it were a provision of Chapter 75A of the General Statutes.

1           Sec. 5. Violation of this act is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to  
2 exceed two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) for each violation.

3           Sec. 6. This act is effective upon ratification, and is enforceable after markers  
4 complying with Section 3 of this act are placed in the water.