

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 870

Short Title: Magist. Accept Waiver/Vehicle Viol.

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Sponsors: Representative Owens.

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Referred to: Local Government II.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO ALLOW MAGISTRATES TO ACCEPT WAIVERS AND ENTER  
2 JUDGMENT IN CERTAIN CASES INVOLVING REGULATION OF THE USE OF  
3 MOTOR VEHICLES ON BEACHES.  
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 Section 1. G.S. 7A-273 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

7 "(2a) In misdemeanor cases involving the violation of a county ordinance  
8 authorized by law regulating the use of dune or beach buggies or other  
9 power-driven vehicles specified by the governing body of the county on  
10 the foreshore, beach strand, or the barrier dune system, to accept written  
11 appearances, waivers of trial or hearing, and pleas of guilty or  
12 admissions of responsibility, in accordance with the schedule of  
13 offenses and fines or penalties promulgated by the Conference of Chief  
14 District Court Judges pursuant to G.S. 7A-148, and in such cases, to  
15 enter judgment and collect the fines or penalties and costs;".

16 Section 2. G.S. 7A-148(a) reads as rewritten:

17 "(a) The chief district judges of the various district court districts shall meet at least  
18 once a year upon call of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court to discuss mutual  
19 problems affecting the courts and the improvement of court operations, to prepare and  
20 adopt uniform schedules of offenses for the types of offenses specified in G.S. 7A-273(2)

1 and G.S. 7A-273(2a) for which magistrates and clerks of court may accept written  
2 appearances, waivers of trial or hearing and pleas of guilty or admissions of  
3 responsibility, and establish a schedule of penalties or fines therefor, and to take such  
4 further action as may be found practicable and desirable to promote the uniform  
5 administration of justice."

6           Section 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.