

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1983 SESSION

CHAPTER 431
SENATE BILL 282

AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC AT THE GREENSBORO-
HIGH POINT AIRPORT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

(1) by adding a new section to read:

"Sec. 3.1. The Board of Directors of the Greensboro-High Point Airport Authority may by rule or regulation set aside spaces on the Greensboro/High Point/Winston-Salem Regional Airport in designated parking areas in which motor vehicles may be parked for specified periods of time. To regulate parking in such spaces, the Board of Directors may install a system of parking meters and make it unlawful for any person to park a motor vehicle in a metered space without activating the meter for the entire time that the vehicle is parked, up to the maximum length of time allowed for that space. The meters may be activated by using coins of the United States. Proceeds from the use of such parking meters must be used to defray the cost of enforcing and administering traffic and parking rules and regulations or other purposes related to parking and traffic or as a pledge to secure the payment of or in payment of revenue bonds issued in whole or in part for the construction of such parking areas or the roadways on the Airport operated by the Airport Authority."; and

(2) by deleting, in its entirety, Section 5, including subsections (a) through (g) inclusive of Section 5 as added by Chapter 245, Session Laws of 1961, and as amended by Chapter 354, Session Laws of 1975, and substituting the following therefor:

"Sec. 5. Penalties for violations. Any person, firm or corporation violating any rule or regulation adopted by the Board of Directors of the Greensboro-High Point Airport Authority pursuant to this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and fined not exceeding fifty dollars (\$50.00) or imprisoned not exceeding 10 days, in the discretion of the court.

"Sec. 5.1. Any officer of the Airport Police established by the Greensboro-High Point Airport Authority is authorized and empowered in the case of the violation of any regulation or rule adopted by the Authority relating to the parking of automobiles, trucks, and motorcycles in any loading zone, or designated parking area owned by the Authority, or upon any public street within the property of the Authority, and made effective pursuant to the provisions of this act to give, serve, or mail, any person a ticket or citation for any such violation; any person receiving such citation or ticket for any such automobile, truck, or motorcycle parking violation may pay, within the time named

in such ticket or citation, to the Authority, for delivery to the finance office of Guilford County, in person or by mail, the sum of three dollars (\$3.00) for each violation as payment of a penalty therefor and be discharged from any criminal prosecution or penalties for such violation. In the event any officer of said Airport Police deems it necessary to move any automobile, truck, or motorcycle from an area where a violation occurs, such officer is authorized and empowered to move, or cause the moving of, such automobile, truck, or motorcycle, and to park and store or cause to be parked and stored such automobile, truck, or motorcycle, and neither the Authority nor the said officer shall have liability for any such charges for removal and storage of such automobile, truck, or motorcycle. The owner or person in charge of such automobile, truck, or motorcycle shall pay all costs of such removal and storage and the same shall constitute a lien on the vehicle that may be enforced in the manner provided by law for enforcement of possessory liens for towing and storage of motor vehicles.

"Sec. 5.2. No State tax shall be paid to the State of North Carolina in cases finally disposed of by payment of the amount of the penalty.

"Sec. 5.3. It shall be the duty of the Airport Police established by the Greensboro-High Point Airport Authority to enforce the provisions of this act, and the Authority shall collect the penalties for violation of the rules and regulations adopted and made effective hereunder and shall account for said funds.

"Sec. 5.4. All penalties collected pursuant to the provisions of this act shall be paid by the Greensboro-High Point Airport Authority to the finance office of Guilford County for disbursement in the manner provided by law.

"Sec. 5.5. Nothing contained in Sections 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, or 5.4 hereof shall prevent prosecution and imposition of the penalties for violations pursuant to provisions of Section 5 hereof in the event payment of said three dollars (\$3.00) penalty is not made. In any such prosecution, the rules and regulations of the Authority shall be considered municipal ordinances within the meaning of G.S. 20-162.1."

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. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 3rd day of June, 1983.