

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1997 SESSION

SESSION LAW 1997-488
SENATE BILL 30

AN ACT TO ALLOW AN INCREASED PENALTY FOR SPEEDING IN A
HIGHWAY WORK ZONE OF UP TO TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 20-141(j2) reads as rewritten:

"(j2) A person who drives a motor vehicle in a highway work zone at a speed greater than the speed limit set and posted under G.S. 20-141 is responsible for an infraction of 'Speeding in a Highway Work Zone' and ~~is shall be~~ required to pay a penalty of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00). ~~(\$100.00), but not more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00).~~ A 'highway work zone' is the area between the first sign that informs motorists of the existence of a work zone on a highway and the last sign that informs motorists of the end of the work zone. This subsection applies only if a sign posted at the beginning of the highway work zone states the penalty for speeding in the work zone. The Secretary shall ensure that work zones shall only be posted with penalty signs if the Secretary determines, after engineering review, that the posting is necessary to ensure the safety of the traveling public due to a hazardous condition."

Section 2. This act becomes effective October 1, 1997, and applies to violations which occur on or after that date.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 28th day of August, 1997.

s/ Marc Basnight
President Pro Tempore of the Senate

s/ Harold J. Brubaker
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ James B. Hunt, Jr.
Governor

Approved 11:10 a.m. this 10th day of September, 1997