

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
1997 SESSION

S.L. 1997-50  
HOUSE BILL 851

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A NO-WAKE ZONE FOR THE TOWN OF CAPE  
CARTERET AND AREAS WITHIN THE TOWN'S EXTRATERRITORIAL  
PLANNING JURISDICTION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. It is unlawful to operate a vessel at greater than a no-wake speed in the waters east of the Route 58 bridge within the corporate limits of the Town of Cape Carteret and the Town's extraterritorial planning jurisdiction under Article 19 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes. No-wake speed is idle speed or a slow speed creating no appreciable wake.

Section 2. With regard to marking the no-wake speed zone established in Section 1 of this act, the Town of Cape Carteret or its designee may place and maintain the markers in accordance with the Uniform Waterway Marking System and any supplementary standards for that 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 so as to give adequate warning of the no-wake speed zone to vessels approaching from various directions.

Section 3. This act is enforceable under G.S. 75A-17 as if it were a provision of Chapter 75A of the General Statutes.

Section 4. Violation of this act is a Class 3 misdemeanor.

Section 5. This act is effective when it becomes law and is enforceable after markers complying with Section 2 of this act are placed in the water.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 12th day of May, 1997.

s/ Dennis A. Wicker  
President of the Senate

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