

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2015

SESSION LAW 2015-226  
SENATE BILL 52

AN ACT AUTHORIZING CITIES TO ALLOW ACTIVATION OF PARKING METERS BY COINS, TOKENS, CASH, CREDIT CARDS, DEBIT CARDS, OR OTHER ELECTRONIC MEANS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 160A-301 reads as rewritten:

**"§ 160A-301. Parking.**

(a) On-Street Parking. – A city may by ordinance regulate, restrict, and prohibit the parking of vehicles on the public streets, alleys, and bridges within the city. When parking is permitted for a specified period of time at a particular location, a city may install a parking meter at that location and require any person parking a vehicle therein to place the meter in operation for the entire time that the vehicle remains in that location, up to the maximum time allowed for parking there. Parking meters may be activated by ~~coins or tokens.~~ coins, tokens, cash, credit cards, debit cards, or electronic means. Proceeds from the use of parking meters on public streets must be used to defray the cost of enforcing and administering traffic and parking ordinances and regulations.

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**SECTION 2.** This act shall not be construed to repeal or otherwise limit the authority to activate parking meters and use proceeds from parking meters granted to the Towns of Wrightsville Beach, Carolina Beach, Kure Beach, and the City of Wilmington in S.L. 1998-86, as amended by S.L. 2001-9, the City of Raleigh and the Town of Chapel Hill in S.L. 2009-164, the Towns of Atlantic Beach and Beaufort in S.L. 2011-79, and the City of Durham in S.L. 2014-34.

**SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015.

s/ Daniel J. Forest  
President of the Senate

s/ Tim Moore  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ Pat McCrory  
Governor

Approved 10:05 a.m. this 25<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015

