

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 2150
Committee Substitute Favorable 6/30/08
Committee Substitute #2 Favorable 7/9/08

Short Title: Remove Restrictions of Sunday Boat Transport.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

May 19, 2008

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO INCREASE THE WIDTH OF BOATS THAT MAY BE
2 TRANSPORTED ON HIGHWAY ROUTES DURING THE DAY AND NIGHT
3 WITH AND WITHOUT A PERMIT, CHANGE THE FEE FOR AN ANNUAL
4 PERMIT FOR RECREATIONAL BOATS AND TRAILERS, AND CHANGE THE
5 PENALTY FOR PERMIT VIOLATIONS.
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7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-116 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

9 "(m) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the towing of any boat or
10 boat trailer 120 inches wide or less shall not require a permit to be issued pursuant to the
11 requirements of G.S. 20-119, may take place on any day of the week, including
12 weekends and holidays, and may take place two hours before sunrise and two hours
13 after sunset. Any boat or boat trailer being towed at night shall be equipped with two
14 functioning amber lights, clearly visible on each side of the boat and trailer at their
15 widest point. With a properly issued permit, the towing of any boat or boat trailer in
16 excess of 120 inches wide may take place on any day of the week, including weekends
17 and holidays, but may not take place at night. The fee for an annual permit issued for a
18 recreational boat or boat trailer pursuant to the provisions of G.S. 20-119(b) shall be
19 only twenty-five dollars (\$25.00)."

20 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 20-119 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

21 "(d1) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the Department of Crime
22 Control and Public Safety may assess a civil penalty of only fifty dollars (\$50.00) for a
23 violation of the terms or conditions of a permit to tow a boat or boat trailer or the failure
24 to obtain a required permit for the towing of a boat or boat trailer."

25 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to
26 offenses occurring on or after that date.