

May 15, 2008

**H 2150. REMOVE RESTRICTIONS OF SUNDAY BOAT TRANSPORT.** Filed 5/15/08. *TO INCREASE THE WIDTH OF BOATS THAT MAY BE TRANSPORTED ON HIGHWAY ROUTES DURING THE DAY AND NIGHT WITH AND WITHOUT A PERMIT, CHANGE THE FEE FOR AN ANNUAL PERMIT FOR RECREATIONAL BOATS AND TRAILERS, AND CHANGE THE PENALTY FOR PERMIT VIOLATIONS.*

Amends GS 20-116 by adding a provision to allow towing of boats or boat trailers less than 121 inches in width on highways at any time without requiring a permit issued under GS 20-119. Allows permitted towing of boats or boat trailers in excess of 120 inches in width on highways at any time, including holidays, weekends, and at night. Imposes an annual fee of \$25 for the permitting of a recreational boat or boat trailer under GS 20-119(b). Amends GS 20-116(d)(3) (appears GS 20-119(d)(3) is intended to be amended) by decreasing the fine for miscellaneous permitting violations from \$100 to \$50. Effective July 1, 2008.

**Intro. by Stiller, Love, McElraft, Yongue.** GS 20

June 30, 2008

**H 2150. REMOVE RESTRICTIONS OF SUNDAY BOAT TRANSPORT.** Filed 5/15/08. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Clarifies that the towing of any boat or boat trailer *120 inches wide or less* may take place at *any time*. Adds that any boat or boat trailer towed at night must be equipped with two functioning amber lights, clearly visible on each side of the boat and trailer at their widest point. Prohibits towing at night of any boat or boat trailer in excess of 120 inches in width. Deletes proposed revisions to GS 20-116(d)(3), which would have decreased the fine for violations of permit conditions or requirements from \$100 to \$50. Instead, effective for offenses occurring on or after July 1, 2008, adds a new subsection to GS 20-119 to allow the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety to assess a civil penalty of only \$50 for the failure to obtain a permit or for violations of a permit's conditions for the towing of a boat or boat trailer.

July 9, 2008

**H 2150. REMOVE RESTRICTIONS OF SUNDAY BOAT TRANSPORT.** Filed 5/15/08. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Amends proposed language in GS 20-116 by limiting the towing of any boat or boat trailer 120 inches wide or less at night to *two hours before sunrise and two hours after sunset*. Changes the effective date from July 1, 2008, to when the act becomes law and applies to offenses occurring on or after that date.