

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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HOUSE BILL 506  
Committee Substitute Favorable 4/14/11

Short Title: Wrightsville Beach/Abandoned Vessels. (Local)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 30, 2011

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH TO REMOVE AND  
3 DISPOSE OF ABANDONED VESSELS WITHIN THE TOWN'S ZONING  
4 JURISDICTION.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 SECTION 1. G.S. 160A-303(b1) reads as rewritten:

7 "(b1) An abandoned motor vehicle is one that:

8 (1) Has been left upon a street or highway in violation of a law or ordinance  
9 prohibiting parking; or

10 (2) Is left on property owned or operated by the city for longer than 24 hours; or

11 (3) Is left on private property without the consent of the owner, occupant, or  
12 lessee thereof for longer than two hours; or

13 (4) Is left on any public street or highway for longer than seven days or is  
14 determined by law enforcement to be a hazard to the motoring public.

15 (5) Is moored, anchored, or otherwise located for more than 30 consecutive days  
16 in any 180-consecutive-day period in any waters or marshes waterward of  
17 the pierhead line as established by the Town of Wrightsville Beach.

18 (6) If designed to float, is in danger of sinking, has sunk, is resting on the  
19 bottom, or is located such that it is a hazard to navigation or is an immediate  
20 danger to other vessels. Shipwrecks, vessels, cargoes, tackle, and other  
21 underwater archeological remains that have been in place for more than 10  
22 years shall not be considered abandoned motor vehicles and shall not be  
23 removed under the provisions of this section without the approval of the  
24 Department of Cultural Resources, which is the legal custodian of these  
25 properties pursuant to G.S. 121-22 and G.S. 121-23."

26 SECTION 2. This act applies to the Town of Wrightsville Beach only and shall  
27 apply in the areas where the Town of Wrightsville Beach exercises territorial and  
28 extraterritorial jurisdiction under G.S. 160A-360. The provisions of this act shall not apply to  
29 vessels as described in G.S. 160A-303(b1)(5) and G.S. 160A-303(b1)(6), as enacted by Section  
30 1 of this act, in nonnavigable streams.

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

