

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2001**

**HOUSE BILL 1486
RATIFIED BILL**

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A NO-WAKE ZONE IN THE VICINITY OF THE
ROANOKE RIVER BRIDGE ON HIGHWAY 17 IN BERTIE COUNTY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. It is unlawful to operate a vessel at greater than no-wake speed on the waters of the Roanoke River within 50 yards of either side of the Highway 17 bridge in Bertie County. 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, Bertie County or its designee may place and maintain 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 shall be buoys or floating signs placed in the water or signs placed on pilings and shall 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 applies only to Bertie County.

SECTION 6. 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 29th day of July, 2002.

Beverly E. Perdue
President of the Senate

James B. Black
Speaker of the House of Representatives