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SENATE BILL 970

Short Title: Infraction/Local Ordinance.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Reeves.

Referred to: Judiciary.

April 21, 1997

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO CLARIFY THAT THE PENALTY FOR A VIOLATION OF A LOCAL ORDINANCE MAY BE AN INFRACTION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 14-4 reads as rewritten:

**"§ 14-4. Violation of local ordinances misdemeanor-ordinances.**

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b), if any person shall violate an ordinance of a county, city, town, or metropolitan sewerage district created under Article 5 of Chapter 162A, ~~he the person~~ shall be guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor ~~and shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or responsible for an infraction if expressly designated as such in the ordinance.~~ The fine for a violation of an ordinance that is a misdemeanor shall not exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00) and no such ~~Ne~~ fine shall exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00) unless the ordinance expressly states that the maximum fine is greater than fifty dollars (\$50.00). The penalty for a violation of an ordinance that is an infraction shall not exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00).

(b) If any person shall violate an ordinance of a county, city, or town regulating the operation or parking of vehicles, ~~he the person~~ shall be responsible for an infraction and shall be required to pay a penalty of not more than fifty dollars (\$50.00)."

Section 2. This act becomes effective December 1, 1997, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.