



CHAPTER 70
ARTICLE 2 - ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES PROTECTION ACT

N.C.G.S. § 70-15.

Prohibited acts and criminal penalties.

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- § 70-15(a) No person may excavate, remove, damage or otherwise alter or deface any archaeological resource located on State lands unless he is acting pursuant to a permit issued under G.S. 70-13.
- § 70-15(b) No person may sell, purchase, exchange, transport, receive, or offer to sell, purchase, exchange, transport or receive any archaeological resource excavated or removed from State lands in violation of the prohibition contained in G.S. 70-15(a).
- § 70-15(c) Any person who knowingly and willfully violates or employs any other person to violate any prohibition contained in G.S. 70-15(a) or G.S. 70-15(b) shall upon conviction, be fined not more than two thousand dollars (\$2,000) or imprisoned not more than six months, or both, in the discretion of the court.
- § 70-15(d) Each day on which a violation occurs shall be a separate and distinct offense.

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APPARATUS I
1 ACT

Amendment lineage

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APPARATUS II
3 AUTHORITIES

Authorities referenced

Every G.S. cross-reference appearing in the text of this section, in order of first appearance. Nothing is characterized; the operative language is quoted from the section itself.

REFERENCE	APPEARS IN	OPERATIVE LANGUAGE IN THIS SECTION
G.S. 70-13	(a)	"pursuant to a permit issued under"
G.S. 70-15(a)	(b)	"violation of the prohibition contained in"
G.S. 70-15(b)	(c)	"prohibition contained in G.S. 70-15(a) or"

APPARATUS III

Citation

FULL SECTION

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 70-15 (1981).

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N.C. Gen. Stat. § 70-15(a) (1981).

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