



CHAPTER 70
ARTICLE 2 - ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES PROTECTION ACT

N.C.G.S. § 70-16.

Civil penalties.

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A civil penalty of not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000) may be assessed by the Department of Administration, in consultation with the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, against any person who violates the provisions of G.S. 70-15. In determining the amount of the penalty, the Department shall consider the extent of the harm caused by the violation and the cost of rectifying the damage. Any person assessed shall be notified of the assessment by registered or certified mail. The notice shall specify the reasons for the assessment. If the person assessed fails to pay the amount of the assessment to the Department within 30 days after receipt of notice, the Department may institute a civil action in the Superior Court of Wake County to recover the amount of the assessment.

The Department may use the assessed funds to rectify the damage to archaeological resources. The clear proceeds of all assessed funds not used to rectify the damage shall be remitted to the Civil Penalty and Forfeiture Fund in accordance with G.S. 115C-457.2.

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APPARATUS I
4 ACTS

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01	1981	c. 904, s. 2	ENACTED

02	1987	c. 827, s. 215	AMENDED
03	1998	S.L. 1998-215, s. 2	AMENDED
04	2015	S.L. 2015-241, s. 14.30(s)	AMENDED

APPARATUS II
2 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. 70-15		"person who violates the provisions of"
G.S. 115C-457.2		"and Forfeiture Fund in accordance with"

APPARATUS III

Citation

FULL SECTION

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 70-16 (2015).

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