



# SENATE BILL 52: Cities/Means For Activating Parking Meters

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**SUMMARY:** *The PCS for Senate Bill 52 would authorize cities to allow activation of parking meters by coins, tokens, cash, credit cards, debit cards, and other electronic means.*

*The PCS makes technical changes to the bill by including additional references to municipalities that have local laws affecting the authority to activate parking meters and use proceeds from parking meters.*

**CURRENT LAW:** G.S. 160A-301 authorizes a city to regulate, restrict, and prohibit parking within the city by ordinance. When parking is permitted, the law authorizes a city to install parking meters and require any person parking there to activate the parking meter. Currently, parking meters can be activated by coins or tokens. The proceeds from parking meters must be used to defray the cost of enforcing and administering traffic and parking ordinances and regulations.

The Towns of Wrightsville Beach, Carolina Beach, Kure Beach, Chapel Hill, Atlantic Beach, and Beaufort, as well as the Cities of Wilmington, Raleigh, and Durham already have local laws affecting their authority to activate parking meters and use proceeds from parking meters.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** Section 1 of the PCS for Senate Bill 52 would add the following forms of payment to activate parking meters: cash, credit cards, debit cards, and electronic means.

Section 2 would prevent the act from repealing or limiting the authority of municipalities that already have local laws regarding the activation of parking meters and use of proceeds from parking meters.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This act is effective when it becomes law.

