

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 718
Committee Substitute Favorable 4/17/97

Short Title: Taking of Foxes and Raccoons.

(Local)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

April 1, 1997

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE HUNTING AND TRAPPING OF FOXES AND
2 RACCOONS IN HYDE AND BEAUFORT COUNTIES, AND TO ALLOW THE
3 USE OF SNARES WHEN TRAPPING FUR-BEARING ANIMALS IN THOSE
4 COUNTIES.
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6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 Section 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, there is an open season
8 for the trapping of foxes from the day after the close of gun deer season until February 28
9 of each year.

10 Section 2. Section 1 of Chapter 630 of the 1995 Session Laws reads as
11 rewritten:

12 "Section 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 113-291.2, there shall be no bag
13 limits on the hunting or trapping of foxes or raccoons."

14 Section 3. Section 3 of Chapter 630 of the 1995 Session Laws reads as
15 rewritten:

16 "Sec. 3. This act is effective upon ~~ratification and expires June 30, 1998.~~ ratification."

17 Section 4. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, ~~connibear~~ traps set
18 during any trapping season established by the Wildlife Resources Commission and by the

1 provisions of this act shall be visited every 72 hours and any animal caught in the trap
2 removed.

3 Section 5. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, it is lawful to transport,
4 buy, sell, barter, trade, or otherwise transfer possession or ownership of the carcass or
5 pelt of foxes taken during any trapping season established by the Wildlife Resources
6 Commission or by the provisions of this act without obtaining tags provided by the
7 Wildlife Resources Commission.

8 Section 6. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, foxes and raccoons
9 may be taken during any trapping season established by the Wildlife Resources
10 Commission or by the provisions of this act with steel-jaw or leghold traps with trap
11 chains of up to 18 inches in length.

12 Section 7. Notwithstanding G.S. 113-291.1(b)(2) or any other law, it is lawful
13 to use snares when trapping fur-bearing animals during seasons for trapping fur-bearing
14 animals as established by the Wildlife Resources Commission and by the provisions of
15 this act.

16 Section 8. This act applies only to Beaufort and Hyde Counties.

17 Section 9. This act becomes effective October 1, 1997, and expires June 1,
18 1999.