

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**SESSION 1997**

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**SENATE BILL 1494**

Short Title: Lee County Hunting.

(Local)

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Sponsors: Senators Kinnaird; and Lee.

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Referred to: State Government, Local Government and Personnel.

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May 28, 1998

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

**AN ACT TO REGULATE HUNTING IN LEE COUNTY.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. It is unlawful for any person to hunt with a firearm, bow and arrow, crossbow, or other deadly weapon while on the land of another unless the person has, in the person's possession, a paper writing dated and signed by the owner or lessee of the land granting the person permission to hunt with a firearm, bow and arrow, crossbow, or other deadly weapon while on the land. If the land is owned by or leased to a club, the permission shall be signed by the club president or other chief executive officer of the club. If the land is owned by or leased to a corporation, the permission shall be signed by the president or the vice president of the corporation, or by the authorized designee of the president or vice president. Such written permission shall not be valid for a period of more than one year, but may be valid for any shorter period stated in the written permission. The written permission shall be displayed upon request to any law enforcement officer authorized to enforce this section.

Section 2. It is unlawful to hunt, take, or kill with a firearm, bow and arrow, crossbow, or other deadly weapon or to attempt to hunt, take, or kill with any such weapon any wild animal or wild bird on, from, or across the right-of-way of any public road, street, highway, or thoroughfare.

1           Section 3. It is unlawful to discharge a firearm from, onto, across, or down the  
2 right-of-way of any public road, street, highway, or thoroughfare.

3           Section 4. It is unlawful for any person to possess a loaded firearm on the land  
4 of another while under the influence of an impairing substance. For purposes of this  
5 section, a person is under the influence of an impairing substance when the person has  
6 consumed a sufficient quantity of any impairing substance to cause the person to lose the  
7 normal control of the person's bodily or mental facilities, or both, to such an extent that  
8 there is an appreciable impairment of either or both of these facilities.

9           Section 5. Violation of this act is a Class 3 misdemeanor.

10          Section 6. This act is enforceable by law enforcement officers of the Wildlife  
11 Resources Commission, by sheriffs and deputy sheriffs, and by other peace officers with  
12 general subject matter jurisdiction.

13          Section 7. This act applies only to Lee County.

14          Section 8. This act becomes effective October 1, 1998.