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SENATE BILL 374

Short Title: Landowner Protection Act. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Apodaca, Walters, Tucker; and Hise.

Referred to: Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PROTECT LANDOWNER RIGHTS AND INCREASE PUBLIC SAFETY BY
3 REQUIRING WRITTEN PERMISSION TO HUNT ON THE LAND OF ANOTHER
4 STATEWIDE AND BY PROHIBITING HUNTING FROM THE RIGHT-OF-WAY
5 STATEWIDE.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** Article 22 of Chapter 113 of the General Statutes is amended by
8 adding a new section to read:

9 **"§ 113-291.12. Hunting from rights-of-way; hunting on the land of another.**

10 (a) It is unlawful to take wildlife, or to attempt to take wildlife, by discharging a
11 firearm, bow and arrow, or crossbow from, on, across, or over the right-of-way of any
12 State-maintained public road or highway, except as allowed on State game lands as prescribed
13 by rules established by the Wildlife Resources Commission. For purposes of this section, the
14 term "to take" has the same meaning as in G.S. 113-130.

15 (b) It is unlawful to possess a loaded firearm outside the passenger compartment of a
16 vehicle while on the roadway or highway right-of-way while in the act of taking or attempting
17 to take wildlife, unless the person is the owner or lessee of the land abutting the right-of-way or
18 has on his or her person the written permission of the owner or lessee of the land abutting the
19 right-of-way to hunt on the land, dated within the last 12 months. Nothing in this section
20 prohibits a person from carrying a concealed weapon authorized by a concealed handgun
21 permit issued in accordance with Article 54B of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes or
22 considered valid under G.S. 14-415.24.

23 (c) It is unlawful to take wildlife or attempt to take wildlife on the land of another
24 without having on one's person the written permission, dated within the last 12 months, of the
25 landowner or lessee or the landowner's or lessee's designee. The written permission shall be
26 displayed upon request of any law enforcement officer of the Wildlife Resources Commission,
27 sheriff or deputy sheriff, or other law enforcement officer with general subject matter
28 jurisdiction. A person shall have written permission to hunt for purposes of this section if a
29 landowner or lessee has granted permission to a hunting club to hunt on the person's land and
30 the person is carrying both a current membership card demonstrating the person's membership
31 in the hunting club and a copy of valid written permission granted to the hunting club that
32 complies with the requirements of this section.

33 (d) Violation of this section is a Class 3 misdemeanor. Notwithstanding the provisions
34 of G.S. 15A-1340.23, a second or subsequent violation of this section within three years is a
35 Class 2 misdemeanor punishable by a fine of at least two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) and
36 the loss of hunting privileges for a period of 12 months from the date of the conviction.



1 (e) This section is enforceable by law enforcement officers of the Wildlife Resources
2 Commission, by sheriffs and deputy sheriffs, and by law enforcement officers with general
3 subject matter jurisdiction.

4 (f) To the extent that this section conflicts with any provision of any local act, this
5 section prevails. The fact that a local act in conflict with this section has not been specifically
6 repealed does not indicate an intent for the local act to prevail."

7 **SECTION 2.** The following local acts or portions of local acts are repealed as
8 applicable to the following counties:

9 Alamance: Session Laws 1971, Chapter 206;
10 Session Laws 1989, Chapter 651, as amended by
11 Session Laws 1991, Chapter 92.
12 Alexander: Session Laws 1987, Chapter 298.
13 Alleghany: Session Laws 1967, Chapter 477.
14 Anson: Session Laws 1973, Chapter 1319, as amended by
15 Session Laws 1975, Chapter 597;
16 Session Laws 1987, Chapter 231, Sections 1 and 2.
17 Ashe: Session Laws 1977, Chapter 13.
18 Bertie: Session Laws 1963, Chapter 252;
19 Session Laws 1973, Chapter 1333;
20 S.L. 2001-367, Sections 1 and 4, as amended by
21 S.L. 2007-313.
22 Bladen: Session Laws 1975, Chapter 525.
23 Brunswick: Session Laws 1985, Chapter 840.
24 Buncombe: Session Laws 1967, Chapter 595.
25 Burke: Session Laws 1987, Chapter 39.
26 Cabarrus: Session Laws 1993, Chapter 100;
27 Session Laws 1993, Chapter 632.
28 Caldwell: Session Laws 1973, Chapter 150, as amended by
29 Session Laws 1979, Chapter 220;
30 Session Laws 1987, Chapter 39.
31 Camden: Session Laws 1983, Chapter 274;
32 Session Laws 1991, Chapter 796.
33 Carteret: Session Laws 1953, Chapter 776.
34 Caswell: Session Laws 1975, Chapter 215;
35 Session Laws 1989, Chapter 651, as amended by
36 Session Laws 1991, Chapter 92;
37 S.L. 2008-96.
38 Catawba: Session Laws 1967, Chapter 350;
39 Session Laws 1987, Chapter 298.
40 Chatham: Session Laws 1975, Chapter 540, Section 1.
41 Chowan: Session Laws 1975, Chapter 524;
42 Session Laws 1985, Chapter 868.
43 Cleveland: Session Laws 1979, Chapter 587;
44 Session Laws 1989, Chapter 193;
45 Session Laws 1985, Chapter 204, as amended by
46 Session Laws 1991, Chapter 483.
47 Columbus: S.L.1997-61.
48 Craven: Session Laws 1957, Chapter 603, as amended by
49 Session Laws 1963, Chapters 268 and 1163;
50 Session Laws 1981, Chapter 709;
51 Session Laws 1983, Chapter 305;

1		Session Laws 1985, Chapter 882;
2		Session Laws 1987, Chapter 248;
3		Session Laws 1989, Chapter 463;
4		Session Laws 1991, Chapter 145;
5		Session Laws 1991, Chapter 850;
6		Session Laws 1993, Chapter 115;
7		Session Laws 1995, Chapter 628, Section 1;
8		S.L. 2003-164;
9		S.L. 2009-116.
10	Cumberland:	Session Laws 1977, Chapter 241.
11	Currituck:	Session Laws 1985, Chapter 27.
12	Davidson:	Session Laws 1991, Chapter 795.
13	Davie:	Session Laws 1989, Chapter 929.
14	Duplin:	Session Laws 1953, Chapter 776;
15		Session Laws 1969, Chapter 195.
16	Durham:	Session Laws 1969, Chapter 195;
17		Session Laws 1973, Chapter 1319, as amended by
18		Session Laws 1975, Chapter 597;
19		Session Laws 1973, Chapter 1333;
20		Session Laws 1975, Chapter 539.
21	Edgecombe:	Session Laws 1961, Chapter 863;
22		S.L. 2009-22.
23	Franklin:	Session Laws 1965, Chapter 928, Section 2;
24		Session Laws 1991, Chapter 108.
25	Gaston:	S.L. 1997-66.
26	Gates:	Session Laws 1971, Chapter 389;
27		Session Laws 1973, Chapter 1333;
28		Session Laws 1975, Chapter 214, Section 3;
29		Session Laws 1981, Chapter 863.
30	Granville:	Session Laws 1959, Chapter 459.
31	Greene:	Session Laws 1985, Chapter 471, as amended by
32		Session Laws 1987, Chapter 132;
33		S.L. 2006-12.
34	Guilford:	Session Laws 1967, Chapter 573;
35		Session Laws 1977, Chapter 181.
36	Halifax:	Session Laws 1971, Chapter 404.
37	Harnett:	Session Laws 1983, Chapter 791;
38		S.L. 1997-103.
39	Haywood:	Session Laws 1969, Chapter 259.
40	Henderson:	Session Laws 1983, Chapter 946.
41	Hertford:	Session Laws 1963, Chapter 252;
42		Session Laws 1973, Chapter 1333;
43		Session Laws 1975, Chapter 214, Section 3.
44	Hoke:	Session Laws 1983, Chapter 385;
45		Session Laws 1985, Chapter 204.
46	Hyde:	Session Laws 1957, Chapter 205;
47		Session Laws 1971, Chapter 520;
48		Session Laws 1985, Chapter 420, as amended by
49		S.L. 2009-77.
50	Iredell:	Session Laws 1987, Chapter 298.
51	Johnston:	Session Laws 1975, Chapter 341;

1		Session Laws 1965, Chapter 928, as amended by
2		Session Laws 1975, Chapter 343.
3	Jones:	Session Laws 1991, Chapter 146.
4	Lee:	S.L. 1999-301, Sections 1 through 3.
5	Lenoir:	Session Laws 1975, Chapter 73;
6		Session Laws 1983, Chapter 41.
7	Macon:	Session Laws 1993, Chapter 104;
8		Session Laws 1995, Chapter 754, Sections 2 and 3.
9	Madison:	Session Laws 1993, Chapter 70.
10	Martin:	S.L. 2008-50.
11	McDowell:	S.L. 1997-453.
12	Mecklenburg:	Session Laws 1981, Chapter 524, Section 2.
13	Mitchell:	Session Laws 1991, Chapter 855.
14	Moore:	Session Laws 1971, Chapter 621;
15		Session Laws 1977, Chapter 447, as amended by
16		Session Laws 1979, Chapter 369;
17		S.L. 1999-301, Sections 6.1(a) and (b).
18	Nash:	Session Laws 1985, Chapter 891, Section 2.
19	Northampton:	Session Laws 1965, Chapter 509, as amended by
20		Session Laws 1967, Chapter 585;
21		Session Laws 1973, Chapter 78, Section 2;
22		Session Laws 1995, Chapter 628, Section 2;
23		Session Laws 1995, Chapter 704;
24		Session Laws 1995, Chapter 754, Section 1.
25	Onslow:	Session Laws 1991, Chapter 435, Section 1 through 3.
26	Orange:	Session Laws 1973, Chapter 1319, as amended by
27		Session Laws 1975, Chapter 597;
28		Session Laws 1975, Chapter 539;
29		S.L. 2005-264;
30		S.L. 2007-264, as amended by
31		S.L. 2008-205.
32	Pamlico:	Session Laws 1991, Chapter 138.
33	Pasquotank:	Session Laws 1973, Chapter 1333;
34		Session Laws 1993, Chapter 632.
35	Pender:	Session Laws 1969, Chapter 129, Sections 2 and 3.
36	Perquimans:	Session Laws 1983, Chapter 213;
37		Session Laws 1985, Chapter 867, Section 1.
38	Person:	Session Laws 1973, Chapter 1319, as amended by
39		Session Laws 1975, Chapter 597.
40	Pitt:	Session Laws 1977, Chapter 241;
41		S.L. 2002-142, Section 1.
42	Polk:	Session Laws 1977, Chapter 241.
43	Randolph:	Session Laws 1985, Chapter 303.
44	Richmond:	Session Laws 1973, Chapter 1319;
45		Session Laws 1975, Chapter 539.
46	Robeson:	Session Laws 1983, Chapter 385;
47		S.L. 2004-52.
48	Rockingham:	Session Laws 1985, Chapter 25;
49		Session Laws 1989, Chapter 651, as amended by
50		Session Laws 1991, Chapter 92.
51	Rowan:	Session Laws 1975, Chapter 341, as amended by

1		Session Laws 1977, Chapter 108.
2	Rutherford:	Session Laws 1987, Chapter 405;
3		S.L. 1999-301, Sections 1 through 3.
4	Sampson:	Session Laws 1991, Chapter 141.
5	Scotland:	Session Laws 1977, Chapter 447;
6		Session Laws 1985, Chapter 204, as amended by
7		Session Laws 1991, Chapter 483.
8	Stanly:	Session 1969, Chapter 858.
9	Stokes:	Session Laws 1969, Chapter 195;
10		Session Laws 1975, Chapter 542.
11	Surry:	Session Laws 1977, Chapter 181.
12	Transylvania:	S.L. 2003-119.
13	Tyrrell:	Session Laws 1985, Chapter 28;
14		S.L. 2007-273, Sections 2 through 6.
15	Vance:	S.L. 2005-31, Sections 1 and 2.
16	Wake:	Session Laws 1973, Chapter 1382;
17		Session Laws 1987, Chapter 811.
18	Warren:	Session Laws 1965, Chapter 928, Section 2.
19	Washington:	S.L. 1997-95, Sections 2 through 4.
20	Watauga:	Session Laws 1989, Chapter 812.
21	Wayne:	Session Laws 1975, Chapter 341, as amended by
22		Session Laws 1977, Chapter 46;
23		Session Laws 1975, Chapter 343, as amended by
24		Session Laws 1977, Chapter 45;
25		Session Laws 1985, Chapter 420, as amended by
26		S.L. 2009-77.
27	Wilkes:	Session Laws 1973, Chapter 150, as amended by
28		Session Laws 1979, Chapter 220, and by
29		Session Laws 1991, Chapter 295.
30	Wilson:	Session Laws 1939, Chapter 271;
31		Session Laws 1983, Chapter 423;
32		S.L. 2005-264;
33		S.L. 2007-264, as amended by
34		S.L. 2008-205.
35	Yadkin:	Session Laws 1973, Chapter 150, as amended by
36		Session Laws 1979, Chapter 220.

37 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2011, and applies to offenses
38 committed on or after that date.