

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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HOUSE BILL 1144\*  
Committee Substitute Favorable 6/29/16

Short Title: Support WRC Resolutions/Buncombe ROW Hunting. (Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

May 25, 2016

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO EXPRESS LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT FOR TWO RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY  
THE NORTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION PERTAINING TO  
THE UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE RED WOLF  
REINTRODUCTION PROGRAM AND TO PROHIBIT HUNTING FROM THE  
RIGHT-OF-WAYS OF PUBLIC ROADS IN BUNCOMBE COUNTY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** The General Assembly of North Carolina hereby expresses its support for the Wildlife Resources Commission's resolution dated January 29, 2015, requesting that the United States Fish and Wildlife Service declare the red wolf (*Canis rufus*) extinct in the wild and terminate the Red Wolf Reintroduction Program in Beaufort, Dare, Hyde, Tyrrell, and Washington Counties, and the Wildlife Resources Commission's resolution dated January 29, 2015, requesting that the United States Fish and Wildlife Service remove red wolves released onto private lands in the red wolf recovery area located in Beaufort, Dare, Hyde, Tyrrell, and Washington Counties.

**SECTION 2.(a)** It is unlawful to hunt, take, or kill any wild animal or wild bird with firearm, bow and arrow, or crossbow, on, from, or across the right-of-way of any State-maintained road or highway, or to discharge any firearm, bow and arrow, or crossbow on, from, or across the right-of-way of any State-maintained road or highway.

**SECTION 2.(b)** Violation of subsection (a) of this section is a Class 3 misdemeanor.

**SECTION 2.(c)** This section is enforceable by law enforcement officers of the Wildlife Resources Commission, by sheriffs and deputy sheriffs, and by other peace officers with general subject matter jurisdiction.

**SECTION 2.(d)** This section applies only to Buncombe County.

**SECTION 3.** Section 2 of this act becomes effective October 1, 2016, and applies to acts committed on or after that date. The remainder of this act is effective when it becomes law.

