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SENATE BILL 274*

Short Title: Granville/Hunting Local Modifications. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Woodard (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

March 18, 2019

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO REGULATE HUNTING IN GRANVILLE COUNTY.

3 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

4 **SECTION 1.** Written permission required to hunt or fish on the lands of another;
5 accessible weapons prohibited in right-of-way for purposes of taking wildlife without written
6 permission.

7 (a) Written Permission Required. – It is unlawful to hunt or attempt to hunt on the land
8 of another, to fish on the land of another, or to possess a firearm, bow and arrow, crossbow, or
9 other weapon that is readily available for use, on the land of another or on the right-of-way of
10 any public road or highway adjacent to the land of another for the purposes of taking wildlife
11 without having on one's person the written permission, signed and dated for the current hunting
12 or fishing season, of the landowner or lessee, or the landowner's or lessee's designee. The written
13 permission shall not be valid for more than one year and may be valid for a shorter period stated
14 in the permission. The written permission shall be displayed upon request of law enforcement
15 officers of the Wildlife Resources Commission, sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, or any other law
16 enforcement officers with general subject matter jurisdiction.

17 (b) Written Permission for Hunting Club Members. – A person belonging to a hunting
18 club shall have written permission to hunt or fish for purposes of this section if (i) a landowner
19 or lessee has granted permission to a hunting club to hunt or fish on the land and (ii) the person
20 is carrying both a current membership card demonstrating the person's membership in the hunting
21 club and a copy of valid written permission granted to the hunting club that complies with the
22 requirements of this section.

23 (c) Written Permission for Certain Hunting with Dogs. – For the purposes of the written
24 permission requirement of this section, a hunter not physically present on another person's land
25 shall be considered to be hunting on such land if, during a season for hunting deer or bear, the
26 person allows a dog under his ownership, possession, or control to run upon or cross another
27 person's land in order to hunt deer or bear.

28 (d) Exceptions. – This section does not apply to either of the following:

29 (1) The immediate family of an owner or lessee of land who is hunting or
30 possessing weapons on the land or on abutting portions of the right-of-way of
31 any public road or highway. For purposes of this subdivision, "immediate
32 family" means the mother, father, brothers, sisters, spouse, children,
33 stepparents, stepbrothers, stepsisters, and stepchildren of a person.

34 (2) Travelers on the highway in lawful possession of weapons during the course
35 of travel who have not stopped or loitered on the highway for the purpose of
36 hunting or using weapons.



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1 **SECTION 2.** It is unlawful to hunt at any time on, from, or across the right-of-way
2 of any public road or highway.

3 **SECTION 3.** It is unlawful to hunt deer or bear with the aid of dogs unless in
4 compliance with all of the following requirements:

5 (1) Each dog must (i) wear a global positioning system ("GPS") tracking collar
6 and (ii) bear a tag or other identification showing the full name, address, and
7 contact telephone number of its owner or the president of the hunting club
8 which is using the dog to hunt.

9 (2) The individual or club using dogs to hunt must allow any law enforcement
10 officers of the Wildlife Resources Commission, sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, and
11 other peace officers with general subject matter jurisdiction to inspect the data
12 sent, received, and transmitted by each dog's GPS device.

13 (3) The location where a person releases dogs to hunt must (i) consist of at least
14 200 contiguous acres owned by the person or (ii) consist of at least 350
15 contiguous acres where the person has written permission to hunt as described
16 in Section 1 of this act.

17 **SECTION 4.** The restrictions on hunting with dogs in Section 3 of this act do not
18 apply to the use of a single dog on a leash to assist a hunter in retrieving a dead or wounded
19 animal.

20 **SECTION 5.** For the purposes of this act, the term "to hunt" has the same meaning
21 as under G.S. 113-130(5a).

22 **SECTION 6.** Violation of this act is a Class 2 misdemeanor.

23 **SECTION 7.** This act is enforceable by law enforcement officers of the Wildlife
24 Resources Commission, by sheriffs and deputy sheriffs, and by other peace officers with general
25 subject matter jurisdiction.

26 **SECTION 8.** The following local acts are repealed:

27 (1) Chapter 459 of the 1959 Session Laws.

28 (2) Chapter 159 of the 1991 Session Laws.

29 (3) Chapter 152 of the 1995 Session Laws.

30 (4) Session Law 2009-45.

31 (5) Session Law 2009-118.

32 **SECTION 9.** This act applies only to Granville County.

33 **SECTION 10.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2019.