

March 22, 2007

S 1464. MANAGEMENT OF WILDLIFE RESOURCES. Filed 3/22/07. *TO AMEND THE LAW RELATING TO THE MANAGEMENT OF WILDLIFE RESOURCES BY AUTHORIZING THE WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION TO RESPOND TO DISEASE THREATS; ALLOWING THE TAKING OF COYOTE AT NIGHT WITH THE USE OF ARTIFICIAL LIGHTS AND THE TRACKING AND DISPATCH OF WOUNDED DEER AFTER LEGAL HUNTING HOURS; ALLOWING THE TAKING OF BEAVER WITH BOW AND ARROW; TRANSFERRING THE DEER MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO THE WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION; PROVIDING FOR THE SAFETY OF BOW HUNTERS DURING FIREARMS SEASON; AND PROHIBITING THE FEEDING OF ALLIGATORS.*

Amends GS 113-306 to authorize the Wildlife Resources Commission, after consultation with other named commissions and officials, to develop emergency rules necessary to respond to disease or circumstances threatening wildlife resources. Amends GS 90-101(c) to make it lawful for Wildlife Resources Commission employees to possess controlled substances for the purpose of managing wildlife resources. Amends GS 113-291.1 to (1) allow hunters possessing written permission from the landowner to take coyotes at night while using artificial light, and (2) allow hunters to pursue, retrieve, or dispatch of a deer wounded during hunting hours after hunting hours are over if it is necessary. Also allows the use of electric bird calls and amends the limitation on the type of pistol used during an open season. Amends GS 113-219.9 to allow the hunting of beavers by bow and arrow.

Amends GS 113-291.2 to remove the restrictions on the use of dogs and on the number of antlerless deer taken during a muzzle loading deer season. Also allows the executive director of the Wildlife Resources Commission, upon application by the landowner, to issue a license and deer tags to a landholder sufficient to meet the landholder's management objectives or correct a deer population imbalance (current law requires a survey of the deer population and allows the license to be issued if as a result of the survey it is determined that there is an overpopulation of deer or an imbalance in the population). Also provides for the stipulation of conditions on antlered deer and for setting hunting dates. Allows the reporting by phone or internet of deer harvested for which special tags are issued. Amends GS 113-291.8 to require deer hunters to wear hunter orange during firearms season. Enacts new GS 113-291.11 to make it unlawful to feed alligators not in captivity. Effective October 1, 2007.

Intro. by Swindell.

GS 90, 113

May 22, 2007

S 1464. AMEND WILDLIFE RESOURCES MANAGEMENT LAWS (NEW). Filed 3/22/07. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Previous version authorized the Wildlife Resources Commission to adopt emergency rules when necessary to respond to threats of irreparable harm to wildlife. Revised version (1) clarifies this provision to authorize the commission to adopt rules governing the exercise of emergency powers (was, emergency rules), (2) specifies the emergency powers granted to the commission's Executive Director, (3) limits the scope of the authority to wildlife diseases (was, diseases or circumstances), and (4) authorizes the exercise of emergency powers for up to 90 days unless a temporary rule is adopted by the commission. Removes section that would have amended GS 90-101(c) to make it lawful for Commission employees to possess controlled substances for the purpose of managing wildlife resources. Removes section that would have amended GS 113-291.1 to (1) allow hunters possessing written permission from the landowner to take coyotes at night while using artificial light and (2) allow hunters to pursue, retrieve, or dispatch a wounded deer after hunting hours are over. Amends GS 113-291.2, which currently requires special deer tags to be reported in the wildlife cooperator tagging book, to allow the commission to offer an alternative method for reporting use of the tags if appropriate.

June 28, 2007

S 1464. AMEND WILDLIFE RESOURCES MANAGEMENT LAWS. Filed 3/22/07. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Amends GS 113-291.1(f) to allow the Wildlife Resources Commission to modify provisions concerning the use of migratory

bird electric calls to conform with federal law. Amends GS 113-291.1 to allow hunters to use a flashlight and a dog to pursue and retrieve a deer that was wounded during legal hunting hours. If necessary, allows the pursuit, retrieval, and dispatch after hunting hours are over. Makes a technical change in Section 4.

July 12, 2007

S 1464. AMEND WILDLIFE RESOURCES MANAGEMENT LAWS. Filed 3/22/07. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 3rd edition. Modifies proposed new GS 113-306(f) to provide that emergency powers that may be authorized include implementing activities to reduce infection opportunities (was, activities that aid in the transmission of the disease). Deletes proposed new GS 113-291.1(b1), which would have allowed a hunter that wounded a deer during legal hunting hours to use a flashlight and a dog on a leash to pursue and retrieve the wounded deer and allowed the pursuit, retrieval, and dispatch of the deer after legal shooting hours. Instead, adds a requirement that the Wildlife Resources Commission study issues related to the retrieval of wildlife wounded by hunters and report to the 2008 Regular Session of the 2007 General Assembly, and to the Chairs of the House Wildlife Resources Committee and Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Commission by May 1, 2008. The study provision is effective when the act becomes law.

August 27, 2007

SL 2007-401 (S 1464). AMEND WILDLIFE RESOURCES MANAGEMENT LAWS. AN ACT TO AMEND THE WILDLIFE RESOURCES MANAGEMENT LAWS BY AUTHORIZING THE WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION TO RESPOND TO DISEASE THREATS; BY ALLOWING THE TAKING OF BEAVER WITH BOW AND ARROW; BY AMENDING CERTAIN LAWS GOVERNING THE TAKING OF DEER; BY PROVIDING FOR THE SAFETY OF BOW HUNTERS DURING FIREARMS SEASON; BY PROHIBITING THE FEEDING OF ALLIGATORS; BY ALLOWING THE USE OF ELECTRONIC CALLING DEVICES FOR SNOW GEESE; AND STUDYING THE TRACKING OF WOUNDED WILDLIFE AFTER LEGAL HUNTING HOURS. Summarized in *Daily Bulletin* 3/22/07, 5/22/07, 6/28/07, and 7/12/07. Enacted August 21, 2007. Section 7 is effective August 21, 2007. The remainder is effective October 1, 2007.