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S 1074. WILDLIFE PROTECTORS/PUBLIC SAFETY STOPS. Filed 3/26/09. *TO CLARIFY THE AUTHORITY OF WILDLIFE PROTECTORS TO MAKE STOPS IN THE INTEREST OF PUBLIC SAFETY BASED UPON REASONABLE SUSPICION.*

Amends GS 113-136(d1), which specifies wildlife protectors' subject matter jurisdiction, to provide that jurisdiction also includes power to enforce criminal laws when the officer has probable cause to believe an offense has been committed in his or her presence and the officer is "on duty," and specifies that limitation on protector's jurisdiction in that section does not include stops made in the interest of public safety based on reasonable suspicion. Makes a conforming change to GS 113-136(g). Effective October 1, 2009.

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