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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND THE WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION TO DEVELOP JOINTLY A PLAN FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A FIRING RANGE FOR USE BY CRIMINAL JUSTICE OFFICERS ATTENDING THE WESTERN JUSTICE ACADEMY, LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS OF THE WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION, AND OTHERS AND FOR A FIRING AND ARCHERY RANGE OPEN AND ACCESSIBLE FOR PUBLIC USE; AND TO PROVIDE THAT ANY FIRING RANGE CONSTRUCTED ON THE GROUNDS OF THE LARRY T. JUSTUS WESTERN JUSTICE ACADEMY SHALL BE AN INDOOR FACILITY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. The Department of Justice and the Wildlife Resources Commission shall develop jointly a plan for the construction and operation of a firing range on land owned by the Wildlife Resources Commission in Polk County. The plan shall identify a tract of land comprising approximately 10 acres located in the Big Hungry section of the Green River game land approved by the Wildlife Resources Commission for this purpose. The plan shall provide for a firing range that can accommodate the needs of the criminal justice officers attending the Larry T. Justus Western Justice Academy, federal, State, and local agencies, community college law enforcement training, and the law enforcement officers of the Wildlife Resources Commission, as well as provide a facility for hunter safety classes supervised and conducted by the Wildlife Resources Commission. The plan shall further provide for a public firing and archery range, open and accessible for public use, to be operated by the Wildlife Resources Commission.

SECTION 2. Any firing range constructed by the Department of Justice on or adjacent to the grounds of the Larry T. Justus Western Justice Academy shall be built as an indoor facility.

SECTION 3. Funds appropriated to the Department of Justice for the 2007-2009 fiscal biennium for a firing range at the Western Justice Academy shall be used to plan and construct the firing range developed in accordance with Section 1 of this act. The Department of Justice and the Wildlife Resources Commission may also use receipts and other non-General Fund sources totaling up to the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) to provide additional funding for the project.

SECTION 4. This act is effective when it becomes law.



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