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HOUSE BILL DRH30137-MH-47 (02/07)

Short Title: Responsible Deer Management Act. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Pittman and Henson (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO IMPOSE A DUTY TO AVOID WANTON WASTE ON PERSONS TAKING
3 WILDLIFE UNDER A DEPREDATION PERMIT.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 SECTION 1. G.S. 113-274 reads as rewritten:

6 "§ 113-274. Permits.

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8 (c) The Wildlife Resources Commission may issue the following permits:

9 (1) Repealed by Session Laws 1979, c. 830, s. 1.

10 (1a) Depredation Permit. – Authorizes the taking, destruction, transfer, removal,
11 transplanting, or driving away of undesirable, harmful, predatory, excess, or
12 surplus wildlife or wildlife resources. Livestock or poultry owners shall be
13 issued a depredation permit for coyotes upon request. The permit must state the
14 manner of taking and the disposition of wildlife or wildlife resources authorized
15 or required and the time for which the permit is valid, plus other restrictions
16 that may be administratively imposed in accordance with rules of the Wildlife
17 Resources Commission. No depredation permit or any license is needed for the
18 owner or lessee of property to take wildlife while committing depredations
19 upon the property. Any owner or lessee who takes wildlife while committing
20 depredations upon the property will be required to notify the Wildlife
21 Resources Commission within 24 hours utilizing an electronic mail or
22 Internet-based reporting process. The Wildlife Resources Commission may
23 regulate the manner of taking and the disposition of wildlife taken without
24 permit or license, including wildlife killed accidentally by motor vehicle or in
25 any other ~~manner~~ manner, and shall impose a duty to avoid wanton waste on
26 wildlife taken by an owner or lessee of land on their property. For purposes of
27 this subdivision, "wanton waste" shall mean to kill or cripple a big game animal
28 without making a reasonable effort to retrieve the animal and properly dispose
29 of it.

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31 SECTION 2. This act becomes effective October 1, 2017. Notwithstanding
32 G.S. 150B-21.1, the Commission may issue temporary rules to implement the provisions of this
33 act.

