

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 1258

Short Title: Beaver Control Program/Funds.

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Sponsors: Representative Redwine.

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Referred to: Appropriations.

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May 5, 1993

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO INCLUDE PENDER AND ROBESON COUNTIES IN THE BEAVER  
DAMAGE CONTROL PROGRAM AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO  
CONTINUE THE PROGRAM.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Subsection (b) of Section 69 of Chapter 1044 of the 1991 Session  
Laws reads as rewritten:

"(b) The Beaver Damage Control Advisory Board shall develop a pilot program to  
control beaver damage on private and public lands. Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus,  
Pender, Robeson, and Sampson Counties shall participate in the pilot program. The  
Beaver Damage Control Advisory Board shall act in an advisory capacity to the  
Wildlife Resources Commission in the implementation of the program. In developing  
the program, the Board shall:

- (1) Orient the program primarily toward public health and safety and toward landowner assistance, providing some relief to landowners through beaver control and management rather than eradication;
- (2) Develop a priority system for responding to complaints about beaver damage;
- (3) Develop a system for documenting all activities associated with beaver damage control, so as to facilitate evaluation of the program;
- (4) Provide educational activities as a part of the program, such as printed materials, on-site instructions, and local workshops;

1           (5) Provide for the hiring of personnel necessary to implement beaver  
2 damage control activities, administer the pilot program, and set salaries  
3 of personnel;

4           (6) Evaluate the costs and benefits of the program that might be applicable  
5 elsewhere in North Carolina.

6           Upon the conclusion of the pilot program on December 1, ~~1993~~, 1994, the Board  
7 shall issue a report to the Wildlife Resources Commission on the results of the program,  
8 including recommendations on the feasibility of continuing the program in participating  
9 counties and the desirability of expanding the program into other counties."

10           Sec. 2. Subsection (h) of Section 69 of Chapter 1044 of the 1991 Session  
11 Laws reads as rewritten:

12           "(h) Subsections (a) through (d) of this section expire December 1, ~~1993~~, 1994."

13           Sec. 3. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Wildlife  
14 Resources Commission the sum of one hundred forty-six thousand dollars (\$146,000) to  
15 provide the State share necessary to continue the beaver damage control pilot program  
16 established by Section 69 of Chapter 1044 of the 1991 Session Laws in Bladen,  
17 Brunswick, Columbus, Pender, Robeson, and Sampson Counties, provided the sum of  
18 twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) in federal funds is available to provide the  
19 federal share. These funds shall be matched by four thousand dollars (\$4,000) of local  
20 funds from each of the six participating counties.

21           Sec. 4. This act becomes effective July 1, 1993.