

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2005**

**SESSION LAW 2005-285
HOUSE BILL 1012**

AN ACT TO ALLOW MEMBERS OF STATE-RECOGNIZED INDIAN TRIBES TO HUNT, TRAP, OR FISH ON TRIBAL LANDS WITHOUT OBTAINING A LICENSE ISSUED BY THE WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 113-276 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(1) The licensing provisions of this Article do not apply to a member of an Indian tribe recognized under Chapter 71A of the General Statutes for purposes of hunting, trapping, or fishing on tribal land. A person taking advantage of this exemption shall possess and produce proper identification confirming the person's membership in a State-recognized tribe upon request by a wildlife enforcement officer. For purposes of this section, "tribal land" means only real property owned by an Indian tribe recognized under Chapter 71A of the General Statutes."

SECTION 2. The Commission of Indian Affairs shall provide the Wildlife Resources Commission with a list of properties owned by State-recognized tribes in this State and update that list whenever additional land is acquired by a tribe. Each tribe shall post tribal land to give notice of its ownership by the tribe.

SECTION 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 11th day of August, 2005.

s/ Beverly E. Perdue
President of the Senate

s/ James B. Black
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ Michael F. Easley
Governor

Approved 1:45 p.m. this 22nd day of August, 2005