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SENATE BILL 1173

Short Title: Crossbow Use/Disapprove Rule. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Hartsell, Vaughan, Goss; and East.

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

May 18, 2010

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO DISAPPROVE A RULE CHANGE ADOPTED BY THE WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION AND APPROVED BY THE RULES REVIEW COMMISSION TO ALLOW THE USE OF CROSSBOWS WITHOUT PERMIT DURING BOW AND ARROW SEASONS AND TO AUTHORIZE THE USE OF CROSSBOWS DURING FIREARMS SEASONS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3(b1), the changes to 15A NCAC 10B .0116 (Permitted Archery Equipment), as adopted by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission on March 4, 2009, and approved by the Rules Review Commission on April 16, 2009, are disapproved.

SECTION 2. G.S. 113-291.1(a) reads as rewritten:

"§ 113-291.1. **Manner of taking wild animals and wild birds.**

(a) Except as otherwise provided, game may only be taken between a half hour before sunrise and a half hour after sunset and only by one or a combination of the following methods:

- (1) With a rifle, except that rifles may not be used in taking wild turkeys.
- (2) With a shotgun not larger than number 10 gauge.
- (3) With a bow and arrow or crossbow of a type prescribed in the rules of the Wildlife Resources ~~Commission~~ Commission, provided that, except as otherwise provided in G.S. 113-296(d)(5), crossbows may only be used during seasons established under G.S. 113-291.2 for the taking of game with firearms.
- (4) With the use of dogs.
- (5) By means of falconry.

Fur-bearing animals may be taken at any time during open trapping season with traps authorized under G.S. 113-291.6 and as otherwise authorized pursuant to this subsection, and rabbits may be box-trapped in accordance with rules of the Wildlife Resources Commission. The Wildlife Resources Commission may adopt rules prescribing the manner of taking wild birds and wild animals not classified as game. Use of pistols in taking wildlife is governed by subsection (g). The Wildlife Resources Commission may prescribe the manner of taking wild animals and wild birds on game lands and public hunting grounds."

SECTION 3. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, crossbows may be used during any of the 2010-2011 hunting seasons established by the Wildlife Resources Commission for the taking of deer with firearms.

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

