

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2009**

**HOUSE BILL 1824
RATIFIED BILL**

AN ACT TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL METHOD OF TRAPPING COYOTES AND TO INCREASE THE AVAILABILITY OF DEPREDATION PERMITS FOR COYOTES TO LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY OWNERS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON COYOTE NUISANCE REMOVAL.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 113-291.6 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(h) A person who has been issued a depredation permit for coyotes under G.S. 113-274(c) may use a Collarum™ trap, or similar trap approved by the Wildlife Resources Commission, solely for the purpose of taking coyotes under that permit. The person authorized to use these traps pursuant to this subsection shall provide information on the effectiveness and efficiency of the traps as requested by the Commission. To minimize the risk of harm to nontargeted species, any such trap set shall be attended daily and any nontarget animal caught released."

SECTION 2. G.S. 113-274(c)(1a) reads as rewritten:

"(1a) Depredation Permit. – Authorizes the taking, destruction, transfer, removal, transplanting, or driving away of undesirable, harmful, predatory, excess, or surplus wildlife or wildlife resources. Livestock or poultry owners shall be issued a depredation permit for coyotes upon request. The permit must state the manner of taking and the disposition of wildlife or wildlife resources authorized or required and the time for which the permit is valid, plus other restrictions that may be administratively imposed in accordance with rules of the Wildlife Resources Commission. No depredation permit or any license is needed for the owner or lessee of property to take wildlife while committing depredations upon the property. The Wildlife Resources Commission may regulate the manner of taking and the disposition of wildlife taken without permit or license, including wildlife killed accidentally by motor vehicle or in any other manner."

SECTION 3. The Wildlife Resources Commission shall adopt rules to implement the provisions of Section 1 of this act on or before October 1, 2010.



SECTION 4. Section 1 of this act becomes effective October 1, 2010. The remainder of this act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 9th day of July, 2010.

Walter H. Dalton
President of the Senate

Joe Hackney
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Beverly E. Perdue
Governor

Approved _____m. this _____ day of _____, 2010