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HOUSE BILL DRH10223-MH-88

Short Title: Depredation Permit Reporting. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Moss.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE FARMERS HOLDING DEPREDAATION PERMITS TO ANNUALLY
3 REPORT TAKINGS OF DEER TO THE WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION.

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9 (1) Repealed by Session Laws 1979, c. 830, s. 1.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
14 the manner of taking and the disposition of wildlife or wildlife resources
15 authorized or required and the time for which the permit is valid, plus other
16 restrictions that may be administratively imposed in accordance with rules of
17 the Wildlife Resources Commission. The Wildlife Resources Commission
18 shall include in its rules implementing this subdivision (i) a requirement that
19 holders of depredation permits report annually utilizing an electronic mail or
20 other online reporting process the number and sex of all taken deer during the
21 previous year and (ii) that holders of depredation permits for deer may donate
22 the meat to a charitable organization. The Wildlife Resources Commission
23 shall revoke a depredation permit for taking of deer if it finds that the permittee
24 has committed wanton waste. For purposes of this subdivision, "wanton
25 waste" means to kill and improperly dispose of or deliberately wound a deer.
26 No depredation permit or any license is needed for the owner or lessee of
27 property to take wildlife while committing depredations upon the ~~property-~~
28 property; however, the Wildlife Resources Commission shall require that any
29 owner or lessee who takes deer while committing depredations upon the
30 property be required to report annually utilizing an electronic mail or other
31 online reporting process the number and sex of all taken deer during the
32 previous year. The Wildlife Resources Commission shall aggregate the
33 permitted and nonpermitted depredation deer taking reports and report the
34 total number of deer taken each year to the chairs of the House of
35 Representatives Wildlife Committee or other House standing committee with
36 oversight of the Wildlife Resources Commission upon the next convening of



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1 the General Assembly after the close of the reporting year. The Wildlife
2 Resources Commission may regulate the manner of taking and the disposition
3 of wildlife taken without permit or license, including wildlife killed
4 accidentally by motor vehicle or in any other manner.

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6 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2021. Notwithstanding
7 G.S. 150B-21.1, the Commission may issue temporary rules to implement the provisions of this
8 act.