

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
1977 SESSION

CHAPTER 471  
HOUSE BILL 620

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF STEEL TRAPS IN CUMBERLAND  
COUNTY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**Section 1.** It shall be unlawful for any person to use or set any steel jaw leg hold trap in Cumberland County; provided that nothing in this act shall prohibit the use of steel or metal jaw traps by county or State public health officials or their designated agents in order to control the spread of disease when the use of such steel or metal jaw traps has been declared necessary by the Department of Human Resources.

**Sec. 2.** All law enforcement officers, including enforcement officers of the Wildlife Resources Commission, shall have jurisdiction to enforce the provisions of this act.

**Sec. 3.** Any person violating the provisions of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction may be fined a sum not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00) or imprisoned for a period not to exceed 30 days, or both, in the discretion of the court.

**Sec. 4.** Provided, however, the provisions of this act shall not apply to a person setting traps on his or her own land.

**Sec. 5.** This act shall become effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 3rd day of June, 1977.