

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
1977 SESSION

CHAPTER 67  
HOUSE BILL 69

AN ACT TO PREVENT FACILITATION OF THE UNLAWFUL TAKING OF DEER  
WITH THE AID OF BOATS BY MEANS OF PLACING A RESTRICTION  
UPON THE POSSESSION OF FIREARMS ABOARD MOTOR-PROPELLED  
VESSELS IN THE MEHERRIN RIVER IN A CERTAIN DESIGNATED  
LOCATION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**Section 1.** No person aboard a motor-propelled vessel on the Meherrin River between the point where the river crosses the Virginia-North Carolina State line and the point where the river contacts the city limits of Murfreesboro shall have in his possession a firearm during the open season for taking deer. No person in charge of any motor-propelled vessel on the Meherrin River within the above described area shall permit anyone to have in his possession any firearm aboard such vessel during the open season for taking deer.

**Sec. 2.** As used in this act, a motor-propelled vessel includes any vessel propelled by machinery or equipped with propulsion machinery, except that the term shall include an outboard motorboat, the motor for which has been completely removed from place and stored aboard the vessel.

**Sec. 3.** The provisions of this act shall not apply to any person exempt from provisions of G.S. 14-269 with respect to any activities lawfully engaged in while carrying out his duties.

**Sec. 4.** Enforcement officers of the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission shall have jurisdiction to enforce the provisions of this act.

**Sec. 5.** Any person violating the provisions of this act shall be punished by fine not to exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00) or imprisonment not to exceed 30 days, or both.

**Sec. 6.** This act shall become effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 10th day of March, 1977.