

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
1995 SESSION

CHAPTER 64  
HOUSE BILL 405

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION TO  
REGULATE THE MANNER OF TAKING WILDLIFE NOT CLASSIFIED AS  
GAME ANIMALS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 113-291.1(a) reads as rewritten:

"(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 of a type prescribed in the rules of the Wildlife Resources Commission.
- (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, 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. ~~Nongame animals and birds open to hunting may be taken during the hours authorized by rule during any open season by the methods for taking game.~~ 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."

Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 3rd day of May, 1995.

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Dennis A. Wicker  
President of the Senate

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Harold J. Brubaker  
Speaker of the House of Representatives