

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 389

Short Title: Moore Deer Hunting.

(Local)

Sponsors: Representative Morgan.

Referred to: Wildlife Resources.

March 11, 1999

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT DEER HUNTING IN MOORE COUNTY WITHOUT THE WRITTEN PERMISSION OF THE LANDOWNER, TO PROHIBIT DEER HUNTING FROM THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF A PUBLIC ROAD IN MOORE COUNTY, AND TO REQUIRE OWNER IDENTIFICATION ON DOGS USED TO HUNT DEER IN MOORE COUNTY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. It is unlawful to hunt deer on the land of another unless the hunter has, on the hunter's person, a written permission signed and dated by the owner or lessee of the land granting the hunter permission to hunt deer on that land. If the land is owned or leased by a club, the president of the club shall issue the permission to club members to hunt deer. Unless otherwise specified in the writing, the written permission shall be valid for one year from the date of the permission. The written permission shall be displayed upon request to any law enforcement officer with the authority to enforce this act.

Section 2. It is unlawful to hunt, take, or kill deer at any time on, from, or across the right-of-way of any public road or highway.

Section 3. It is unlawful to hunt deer with the aid of dogs unless each dog bears a collar, tag, or other identification showing its owner's full name and address. It is unlawful for any person other than the dog's owner to remove an identification collar or

1 tracking collar from a dog. The provisions of this section shall not apply to a landowner
2 or the landowner's children while those persons are hunting deer on the landowner's
3 property.

4 Section 4. Violation of this act is a Class 3 misdemeanor. Notwithstanding the
5 provisions of G.S. 15A-1340.23, violation of this act is punishable (i) upon a first
6 conviction by a fine of not less than three hundred dollars (\$300.00) and not more than
7 five hundred dollars (\$500.00), and (ii) upon a second or subsequent conviction by a fine
8 of not less than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) and not more than seven hundred dollars
9 (\$700.00), by imprisonment for up to 60 days, loss of the defendant's North Carolina
10 hunting license, or all three, in the discretion of the court.

11 Section 5. This act is enforceable by law enforcement officers of the Wildlife
12 Resources Commission, by sheriffs and deputy sheriffs, and by other peace officers with
13 general subject matter jurisdiction.

14 Section 6. This act applies only to Moore County.

15 Section 7. This act becomes effective October 1, 1999.