

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2005**

**HOUSE BILL 772
RATIFIED BILL**

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT COMPUTER-ASSISTED REMOTE HUNTING.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Article 4 of Chapter 113 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 113-291.1A. Computer-assisted remote hunting prohibited.

(a) It is unlawful for a person to engage in computer-assisted remote hunting or provide or operate a facility that allows others to engage in computer-assisted remote hunting if the wild animal or wild bird being hunted or shot is located in this State.

(b) For purposes of this section "computer-assisted remote hunting" means the use of a computer or other device, equipment, or software, to remotely control the aiming and discharging of a firearm or other weapon, that allows a person, not physically present at the location of that firearm or other weapon, to hunt or shoot a wild animal or wild bird."

SECTION 2. G.S. 113-294 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(q) Any person who violates any provision of G.S. 113-291.1A is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor."

SECTION 3. G.S. 113-276.3(d) reads as rewritten:

"(d) Any violation of this Subchapter or of any rule adopted by the Wildlife Resources Commission under the authority of this Subchapter which is subject to a penalty greater than the one provided in G.S. 113-135(a)(1) is a suspension offense. Conviction of any of the following suspension offenses results in a suspension for a period of two years:

- (1) A violation of G.S. 113-294(b).
- (2) A violation of G.S. 113-294(c).
- (2a) A violation of G.S. 113-294(c1).
- (3) A violation of G.S. 113-294(e).
- (4) Repealed by Session Laws 1999-120, s. 2.
- (5) A violation of G.S. 113-291.1A.

A conviction of any other suspension offense results in a suspension for a period of one year."

SECTION 4. This act becomes effective December 1, 2005, and applies to acts occurring on or after that date.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 19th day of May, 2005.

Beverly E. Perdue
President of the Senate

James B. Black
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Michael F. Easley
Governor

Approved _____m. this _____ day of _____, 2005