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SENATE BILL 1246

Short Title: Prohibit Baiting of Bears.-AB (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Jenkins; Brown and Jones.

Referred to: Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT PLACEMENT OF PROCESSED FOODS IN AREAS
2 FREQUENTED BY BLACK BEARS.
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4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S.113-294 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

6 "(r) It is unlawful to place 'processed food products' in any area of the State where
7 the Wildlife Resources Commission has set an open season for taking black bear. For
8 the purposes of this subsection, the term 'processed food products' means any food
9 substance or flavoring that has been modified from its raw components by the addition
10 of ingredients or by treatment to modify its chemical composition or form or to enhance
11 its aroma or taste. The term includes substances modified by sugar, honey, syrups, oils,
12 salts, spices, peanut butter, grease, meat, bones, or blood, as well as extracts of such
13 substances, and includes sugary products such as candies, pastries, gums, and sugar
14 blocks, as well as extracts of such products. Nothing in this subsection prohibits the
15 lawful disposal of solid waste or the legitimate feeding of domestic animals, livestock,
16 or birds. However, the prohibition against taking bear with the use and aid of bait shall
17 not apply to the release of dogs in the vicinity of any food source that is not a processed
18 food product as defined herein.

19 Violation of this subsection constitutes a Class 2 misdemeanor."

20 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.