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SENATE BILL 1303  
Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources Committee Substitute Adopted  
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Short Title: Mountain Heritage Trout Waters Program.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 26, 2007

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION TO ADOPT  
3 RULES TO ESTABLISH AND IMPLEMENT A MOUNTAIN HERITAGE  
4 TROUT WATERS PROGRAM.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 113-272 reads as rewritten:

7 "**§ 113-272. Special trout license.**

8 (a) License Required. – Except as provided in G.S. 113-270.1D,  
9 G.S. 113-270.1C(b), and G.S. 113-271(a), no one may fish in public mountain trout  
10 waters without having first procured a current and valid special trout license in addition  
11 to a hook-and-line fishing license required in G.S. 113-271. When public mountain trout  
12 waters occur on game lands, this license entitles the holder to use game lands only for  
13 the purpose of access to public mountain trout waters to fish with hook and line.

14 (b) Repealed by Session Laws 1993 (Reg. Sess., 1994), c. 684, s. 5, effective July  
15 1, 1995.

16 (c) Definitions. – As used in this section:

17 (1) City has the same meaning as in G.S. 160A-1.

18 (2) Public mountain trout waters are those waters so designated by the  
19 Wildlife Resources Commission which are managed and regulated to  
20 sustain a mountain trout fishery.

21 (3) Mountain heritage trout waters are those waters that have been  
22 designated as public mountain trout waters by the Wildlife Resources  
23 Commission, that run through or are adjacent to a city, and that have  
24 been designated as mountain heritage trout waters by the Wildlife  
25 Resources Commission.

26 (d) ~~Special Trout License~~-License: Fee. – \$10.00. This license shall be issued to  
27 an individual resident or nonresident of the State and entitles the holder to fish with  
28 hook and line in public mountain trout waters.

1       (e) Mountain Heritage Trout Waters Program. – The Wildlife Resources  
2 Commission shall adopt rules to establish and implement a Mountain Heritage Trout  
3 Waters Program to promote trout fishing as a heritage tourism activity. The  
4 Commission shall develop criteria for participation in the Program by cities and prepare  
5 a management plan for mountain heritage trout waters. A city that meets the criteria for  
6 participation in the Program shall be designated as a Mountain Heritage Trout City."

7               **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.