

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2007**

**SENATE BILL 1365
RATIFIED BILL**

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT INTEREST EARNED ON THE WILDLIFE
CONSERVATION ACCOUNT SHALL BE CREDITED TO THE ACCOUNT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 143-247.2 reads as rewritten:

"§ 143-247.2. Wildlife Conservation Account; emblems for those who donate to the Account.

(a) Account. – The Wildlife Conservation Account is established within the Wildlife Resources Fund and is subject to the oversight of the State Auditor pursuant to Article 5A of Chapter 147 of the General Statutes. Revenue is credited to the Account from donations of income tax refunds, from other donations, ~~and~~ from revenue derived from the sale of wildlife resources license ~~plates.~~ plates, and from interest earned on the Account balance. The Commission may use revenue in the Account only for the following purposes:

- (1) To manage, preserve, or protect wildlife species that are endangered, threatened, or of special concern and are included on the State's protected animal lists.
- (2) To manage, preserve, or protect nongame wildlife species that are not on the State's protected animal lists.
- (3) To administer and enforce nongame wildlife programs under the jurisdiction of the Commission.

(b) Emblems. – The Commission may issue and sell appropriate emblems by which to identify recipients of the emblems as contributors to the Wildlife Conservation Account. Emblems of different size, shape, type, or design may be used to recognize contributions in different amounts. The Commission may not issue an emblem for a contribution of less than five dollars (\$5.00)."

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.
In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 28th day of July, 2007.

Beverly E. Perdue
President of the Senate

Joe Hackney
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Michael F. Easley
Governor

Approved _____ .m. this _____ day of _____, 2007