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Short Title: Firearms Allowed in Certain State Parks.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Gibson.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN FIREARMS MAY BE POSSESSED, CARRIED,
3 AND TRANSPORTED IN A STATE PARK THAT IS ADJACENT TO A NATIONAL
4 PARK OR A NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** Article 35 of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes is amended by
7 adding a new section to read:

8 "**§ 14-269.5. Certain firearms permissible in certain State parks.**

9 (a) The following definitions apply in this section:

10 (1) Rifle. – A weapon designed or redesigned, made or remade, and intended to
11 be fired from the shoulder and designed or redesigned and made or remade
12 to use the energy of an explosive to fire only a single projectile through a
13 rifled bore for each single pull of the trigger. The term does not include a
14 rifle with a barrel length of less than 18 inches or an overall length of less
15 than 26 inches.

16 (2) Shotgun. – A weapon designed or redesigned, made or remade, and intended
17 to be fired from the shoulder and designed or redesigned and made or
18 remade to use the energy of an explosive to fire through a smooth bore either
19 a number of ball shot or a single projectile for each single pull of the trigger.
20 The term does not include a shotgun with a barrel length of less than 18
21 inches or an overall length of less than 26 inches.

22 (b) A person who may legally possess a rifle or firearm under State and federal law may
23 possess, carry, and transport a rifle or shotgun in any North Carolina State Park that is adjacent
24 to a National Park or a national wildlife refuge, provided the possession, carrying, and
25 transporting also conforms to applicable federal law in the adjacent National Park or national
26 wildlife refuge.

27 (c) A person who has a concealed handgun permit issued in accordance with Article
28 54B of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes or that is considered valid under G.S. 14-415.24 may
29 possess, carry, and transport a concealed handgun in any North Carolina State Park that is
30 adjacent to a National Park or a national wildlife refuge, provided the possession, carrying, and
31 transporting also conforms to applicable federal law in the adjacent National Park or national
32 wildlife refuge."

33 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2009.

