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Short Title: Local Hunting Omnibus.

(Local)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 12, 2019

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO LOCAL HUNTING ACTS FOR  
CALDWELL, CLEVELAND, CUMBERLAND, AND YANCEY COUNTIES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.(a)** The following local acts are repealed:

- (1) Chapter 388, Public Laws 1907.
- (2) Chapter 1101 of the 1951 Session Laws.
- (3) Sections 1 and 3 of Chapter 587 of the 1979 Session Laws.

**SECTION 1.(b)** G.S. 113-133.1(e) reads as rewritten:

"(e) Because of strong community interest expressed in their retention, the local acts or portions of local acts listed in this section are not repealed. The following local acts are retained to the extent they apply to the county for which listed:

...

Cleveland: ~~Public Laws 1907, Chapter 388; Session Laws 1951, Chapter 1101; Session Laws 1979, Chapter 587.~~

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**SECTION 1.(c)** Chapter 587 of the 1979 Session Laws, as amended by subsection (a) of this section, reads as rewritten:

"**Sec. 2.** It shall be unlawful for any person to discharge any ~~centerfire rifle~~ firearm from, to or across the roadway or right-of-way of any State-maintained road or highway. This act shall not be interpreted to make unlawful the mere possession of a ~~centerfire rifle~~ firearm on any State-maintained road or highway when ~~such rifle~~ the firearm is being transported within or on any motor vehicle.

"**Sec. 4.** Any person violating the provisions of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction, shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) or more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) or imprisoned not more than 30 days, or both fined and imprisoned, in the discretion of the court.

"**Sec. 5.** All law enforcement officers, including wildlife protectors, shall have the ~~authority, upon request of a landowner or lessee of land,~~ authority to enforce the provisions of this act.

"**Sec. 6.** This act ~~shall be effective only as to those lands in Cleveland County lying north of U.S. Highway 74 and south of secondary road 1361 and N.C. Highway 182.~~ applies only to Cleveland County."

**SECTION 2.** Section 1 of S.L. 2018-10 reads as rewritten:

"**SECTION 1.(a)** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, there is an open season for taking foxes with weapons and for foxes and coyotes by trapping during the trapping season set



1 by the Wildlife Resources Commission each year, with no tagging requirements prior to or after  
2 sale.

3 "SECTION 1.(b) No bag limit applies to coyotes and foxes taken under this act.

4 "SECTION 1.(c) This section applies only to Cabarrus, Caldwell, Cleveland, Cumberland,  
5 Gaston, McDowell, Mitchell, Montgomery, Rowan, Rutherford, and Stokes-Stokes, and Yancey  
6 Counties."

7 "SECTION 3. This act becomes effective October 1, 2019, and applies to offenses  
8 committed on or after that date.