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North Carolina House of Representatives
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601-1096**

**HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE REGULATORY AUTHORITY AND
OPERATIONS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE RESOURCES
COMMISSION**

**TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE
NORTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Section 1. The House Select Committee on the Regulatory Authority and Operations of the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission (hereinafter "Committee") is established by the Speaker of the House of Representatives pursuant to G.S. 120-19.6(a1) and Rule 26(a) of the Rules of the House of Representatives of the 2013 General Assembly.

Section 2. The Committee consists of 10 members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The membership of the Committee shall include legislators as specified below. Members serve at the pleasure of the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The Speaker of the House of Representatives may dissolve the Committee at any time. Vacancies are filled by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. A Co-chair or other member of the Committee continues to serve until a successor is appointed.

Representative Tom Murry, Co-Chair
Representative Roger West, Co-Chair
Representative Leo Daughtry
Representative Jimmy Dixon
Representative Mike Hager
Representative Susan Martin
Representative Annie Mobley
Representative Garland Pierce
Representative Mitchell Setzer
Representative Ken Waddell

Section 3. The Committee may study any of the following:

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- (1) Standards adopted by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and standards of other states related to the regulation of cervids.
- (2) The process other states use to issue transportation permits for the importing cervids into the state.
- (3) Whether or not the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission should allow the sale of antlers, antler velvet, or hides from captive populations of white-tailed deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*).
- (4) The North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission's fee schedule, staffing structure, and enforcement authority, including:
 - (a) Any reports of wildlife officers' abuse of authority.
 - (b) The Commission's collection of fees and expenditure of funds.
 - (c) Whether the Director of the Commission should be confirmed by the General Assembly.
 - (d) Whether duties currently under the jurisdiction of the Commission would be more efficiently performed by another agency of State government.
- (5) Any other issue the Committee deems relevant to this study.

Section 4. The Committee shall meet upon the call of one of its Co-Chairs. A quorum of the Committee shall be a majority of its members. No action may be taken except by a majority vote at a meeting at which a quorum is present.

Section 5. The Committee, while in the discharge of its official duties, may exercise all powers provided for under G.S. 120-19 and Article 5A of Chapter 120 of the General Statutes. The Committee may contract for professional, clerical, or consultant services, as provided by G.S. 120-32.02.

Section 6. Members of the Committee shall receive per diem, subsistence, and travel allowance as provided in G.S. 120-3.1.

Section 7. The expenses of the Committee including per diem, subsistence, travel allowances for Committee members, and contracts for professional or consultant services shall be paid upon the written approval of the Speaker of the House of Representatives pursuant to G.S. 120-32.02(c) and G.S. 120-35 from funds available to the House of Representatives for its operations. Individual expenses of \$5,000 or less, including per diem, travel, and subsistence

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expenses of members of the Committee, and clerical expenses shall be paid upon the authorization of a Co-Chair of the Committee. Individual expenses in excess of \$5,000 shall be paid upon the written approval of the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Section 8. The Legislative Services Officer shall assign professional and clerical staff to assist the Committee in its work. The Director of Legislative Assistants of the House of Representatives shall assign clerical support staff to the Committee.

Section 9. The Committee may meet at various locations around the State in order to promote greater public participation in its deliberations.

Section 10. The Committee may submit an interim report on the results of the study, including any proposed legislation, to the members of the House of Representatives at any time. The Committee may submit a final report on the results of its study, including any proposed legislation, to the members of the House of Representatives prior to the convening of the 2015 General Assembly. Reports shall be submitted by filing a copy of the report with the Office of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the House Principal Clerk, and the Legislative Library. The Committee terminates upon the convening of the 2015 General Assembly or upon the filing of its final report, whichever occurs first.

Effective this the ____ day of _____, 2014.

Thom Tillis
Speaker