



HOUSE BILL 345: Northampton Shooting Ranges.

**This Bill Analysis
reflects the
contents of the bill
as it was presented
in committee.**

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Introduced by:	Rep. Steinburg	Prepared by:	Chris Saunders Staff Attorney
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SUMMARY: *The Proposed Committee Substitute (PCS) to House Bill 345 would allow Wildlife Resources Commission shooting ranges in Northampton County. The PCS eliminates a provision pertaining to fox trapping in Perquimans County.*

CURRENT LAW AND BILL ANALYSIS: S.L. 1973-78, as amended by S.L. 1979-548, makes it unlawful to fire any rifle larger than a .22 caliber without the written permission of the landowner where the shooting occurs. It is also unlawful to fire any rifle unless the person is at least eight feet above the ground in Northampton County (for example, in a deer stand).

The PCS would provide that the current law does not apply to shooting ranges managed by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission or to individuals properly permitted on lands owned or managed by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act would be effective when it becomes law.

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