



HOUSE BILL 345: Perquimans Fox Trap./Northampton Shoot. Range.

2016-2017 General Assembly

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SUMMARY: *The PCS to House Bill 345 would establish a season for taking foxes by trapping in Perquimans County and would allow Wildlife Resources Commission Shooting Ranges in Northampton County.*

CURRENT LAW & BILL ANALYSIS:

Section 1. Perquimans County allows year-round hunting of foxes, but does not allow fox trapping under former G.S. 113-111. G.S. 113-133.1 maintains certain local laws and statutes for individual counties that were otherwise repealed, such as G.S. 113-111 in Perquimans County.

Section 1 of the bill establishes an open season for fox trapping in Perquimans County during the trapping season set by the Wildlife Resources Commission each year. This section would become effective October 1, 2016.

Section 2. S.L. 1973-78, as amended by S.L. 1979-548 makes it unlawful to fire any rifle larger than a .22 without 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.

Section 2 of the bill clarifies 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. This section would become effective when it becomes law.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Except as noted, effective when it becomes law.

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