



HOUSE BILL 601: Sale of Deer Skins

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SUMMARY: *House Bill 601 would allow the sale of skin of deer lawfully taken by hunting, subject to tagging and reporting requirements and season limits set by the Wildlife Resources Commission (WRC).*

CURRENT LAW: Wildlife, in whole or in part, generally may not be bought or sold in North Carolina. The following exceptions apply:

- Lawfully taken wildlife may be sold to individuals who have licenses or permits from WRC authorizing them to buy wildlife, such as licensed fur dealers.
- Dead rabbits and squirrels and their edible parts may be sold if not sold for resale.
- Foxes taken with a depredation permit may be sold to a licensed fur dealer, provided they are properly tagged.
- Lawfully taken non-game animals (feral swine, nutria, armadillos, striped skunks, groundhogs, and coyotes) and lawfully taken non-game fish may be sold. The only open season for non-game birds is crow and the sale of crow is illegal under federal law.
- Lawfully taken furbearing animals and their parts, including furs and pelts, may be sold to licensed fur dealers, subject to any tagging and reporting requirements. Processed furs acquired through lawful channels within or without the State by persons other than fur dealers may be bought and sold.
- Mounted specimens of non-game animals and furbearers taken accidentally, may be bought or sold provided the proper documentation is available.

BACKGROUND: Upon harvesting a deer and before moving the animal from the site of kill, the hunter must validate the Big Game Harvest Report Card and report the kill within 24 hours to WRC.

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 601 would allow the sale of the skin of deer taken lawfully by hunting, subject to reporting and tagging requirements and any season limits set by the WRC.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act would become effective October 1, 2015, and would apply to deer lawfully taken on or after that date.

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