

SENATE BILL 132: Carteret Fox Trapping

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Resources

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Analysis of: PCS to First Edition Committee Counsel

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SUMMARY: The Proposed Committee Substitute (PCS) for Senate Bill 132 would permit fox trapping in Carteret County during the trapping season set by the Wildlife Resources Commission (WRC) and allow for the sale of foxes legally taken by trapping.

The PCS prohibits the sale of live foxes taken by trapping and adds a sunset provision.

CURRENT LAW: Fox trapping currently is not permitted in Carteret County. Fox hunting with weapons is permitted from November 17 to January 1 of each year. Fox trapping is allowed in 38 counties. In some counties, trappers are exempt from tagging requirements, and in some counties, the sale of foxes is prohibited.

BILL ANALYSIS: The PCS would allow fox trapping in Carteret County during the general trapping season set by the WRC, which runs from December 1 to February 28 in that county. There would be no bag limit on foxes taken by trapping. The act also directs the WRC to provide for the sale of foxes taken legally pursuant to this act, except that live foxes may not be bought or sold. There would be no tagging requirements before or after sale.

The PCS would apply only to Carteret County.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act would become effective October 1, 2015, and expire September 30, 2017.

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