



HOUSE BILL 272: Fox and Coyote Trapping.

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

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Committee:	Senate Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources. If favorable, re-refer to Rules and Operations of the Senate	Date:	June 21, 2017
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OVERVIEW: House Bill 272 would permit the trapping of foxes from October 1 through February 28 and the trapping of coyotes from October 1 through March 31 in Davie and Yadkin Counties. The bill would allow for the sale of foxes and coyotes legally taken by trapping in these counties.

CURRENT LAW: Fox trapping currently is not permitted in Davie and Yadkin Counties, but year-round fox hunting with weapons is permitted. Fox trapping is allowed in 41 counties. In some counties, trappers are exempt from tagging requirements, and in some counties, the sale of foxes is prohibited.

It is legal to trap coyotes during the regulated trapping seasons established by the Wildlife Resources Commission (WRC). It is also legal to trap coyotes during any fox-trapping season established by statute or by local law, using methods described in statute. There are no tagging requirements for coyotes.

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 272 would permit the trapping of foxes from October 1 through February 28 and the trapping of coyotes from October 1 through March 31 in Davie and Yadkin Counties. There would be no bag limit for foxes or coyotes taken by trapping pursuant to this act. House Bill 272 would also direct the WRC to provide for the sale of foxes and coyotes taken legally pursuant to this act. The bill would impose no tagging requirements before or after sale. This bill would apply only to Davie and Yadkin Counties.

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

BACKGROUND:

More information on fox trapping seasons for different counties can be found at:

http://www.ncwildlife.org/Regs/documents/fox_seasons_dates.pdf

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