

## HOUSE BILL 308: Regulatory Reform Act of 2020, Sec. 22: Amend Species Conservation Plan Process

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OVERVIEW: Section 22 of S.L. 2020-74 changes the process the Wildlife Resources Commission (WRC) uses to adopt conservation plans, eliminate part of the required analysis, require WRC to publish draft plans online, and consider public comment. This section directs the NC Nongame Wildlife Advisory Committee to assist WRC in developing the conservation plans, including establishing a priority order for conservation plans and determining where combined conservation plans may be appropriate.

This section became effective July 1, 2020.

**CURRENT LAW:** WRC must develop conservation plans for the recovery of protected wild animal species. The conservation plans serve as guidelines and provide recommendations for State and federal agencies, as well as conservation partners, to help direct their conservation efforts.

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