



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

HOUSE BILL 80: Waterfowl Hunting/Roanoke Rapids Lake.

2019-2020 General Assembly

Committee:	Senate State and Local Government. If	Date:	June 26, 2019
	favorable, re-refer to Rules and Operations of		
	the Senate		
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OVERVIEW: House Bill 80 would make it a Class 2 misdemeanor to place or leave unoccupied any equipment or vessels that may be used for the purpose of hunting waterfowl between two hours after sunset and 4:00 A.M. during waterfowl hunting season on Roanoke Rapids Lake in Halifax and Northampton Counties.

BILL ANALYSIS: Section 1 of the bill would prohibit a person from placing or leaving unoccupied any equipment or vessels that may be used for the purpose of taking migratory waterfowl, including, but not limited to, mobile or temporary blinds, layout boats, and decoys, prior to 4:00 A.M. each day during established waterfowl hunting seasons. All equipment and unoccupied vessels must be removed by two hours after sunset each day unless they remain on a portion of the shoreline or attached to a dock as authorized by the owner of the shoreline or dock.

Sections 2 and 3 would make violation of the act a Class 2 misdemeanor, enforceable by law enforcement officers of the WRC, sheriffs and deputy sheriffs, and other peace officers with general subject matter jurisdiction.

Section 4 would make the act applicable to Roanoke Rapids Lake in Halifax and Northampton Counties only.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act would become effective October 1, 2019.

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