



2021-2022 General Assembly

# HOUSE BILL 181: Wildlife Resources Commission Amendments, Sec. 6: Waterfowl Hunting Public Property

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<b>Analysis of:</b>	Sec. 6 of S.L. 2021-160		

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**OVERVIEW:** Section 6 of S.L. 2021-160 amends S.L. 2019-98 to make it unlawful during established waterfowl seasons to leave or place any waterfowl hunting equipment or vessels between two hours after sunset and 4:00AM. This section also changes the hours during which it is unlawful to leave waterfowl hunting equipment and vessels unattended or unoccupied to between the hours of 4:00AM and two hours after sunset.

*This section applies only to Roanoke Rapids Lake in Halifax and Northampton Counties, became effective on October 1, 2021 and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.*

#### **PRIOR LAW/BILL ANALYSIS:**

S.L. 2019-98, which applies only to Roanoke Rapids Lake in Halifax and Northampton Counties, made it unlawful during established waterfowl seasons to leave waterfowl hunting equipment or vessels unattended or unoccupied prior to 4:00AM each day. Violation of this act is a Class 2 misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than \$250 in addition to any other punishment prescribed for that offense.

Section 6 of S.L. 2021-160 amends S.L. 2019-98 to make it unlawful during established waterfowl seasons to leave or place any waterfowl hunting equipment or vessels between two hours after sunset and 4:00AM. This section also changes the hours during which it is unlawful to leave waterfowl hunting equipment and vessels unattended or unoccupied to between the hours of 4:00AM and two hours after sunset.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This section applies only to Roanoke Rapids Lake in Halifax and Northampton Counties, became effective on October 1, 2021 and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

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