

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 1419

Short Title: Beaver Damage Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Speed; Albertson, Ballance, Cooper, Kerr, Marshall, Martin of Pitt, Soles, and Warren.

Referred to: Agriculture, Marine Resources and Wildlife.

May 25, 1994

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO EXPAND THE BEAVER DAMAGE CONTROL PROGRAM TO
ADDITIONAL COUNTIES AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO IMPLEMENT
THE EXPANSION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Subsection (b) of Section 69 of Chapter 1044 of the 1991 Session Laws, as amended by Section 111 of Chapter 561 of the 1993 Session Laws, reads as rewritten:

"(b) The Beaver Damage Control Advisory Board shall develop a pilot program to control beaver damage on private and public lands. Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus, Duplin, Edgecombe, Franklin, Halifax, Johnston, Nash, Onslow, Pender, Pitt, Robeson, ~~and Sampson~~ Sampson, Vance, Warren, Wayne, and Wilson Counties shall participate in the pilot program. The Beaver Damage Control Advisory Board shall act in an advisory capacity to the Wildlife Resources Commission in the implementation of the program. In developing the program, the Board shall:

- (1) Orient the program primarily toward public health and safety and toward landowner assistance, providing some relief to landowners through beaver control and management rather than eradication;
- (2) Develop a priority system for responding to complaints about beaver damage;
- (3) Develop a system for documenting all activities associated with beaver damage control, so as to facilitate evaluation of the program;

- 1 (4) Provide educational activities as a part of the program, such as printed
2 materials, on-site instructions, and local workshops;
3 (5) Provide for the hiring of personnel necessary to implement beaver
4 damage control activities, administer the pilot program, and set salaries
5 of personnel;
6 (6) Evaluate the costs and benefits of the program that might be applicable
7 elsewhere in North Carolina.

8 Upon the conclusion of the pilot program on ~~December 1, 1994~~, June 30, 1995, the
9 Board shall issue a report to the Wildlife Resources Commission on the results of the
10 program, including recommendations on the feasibility of continuing the program in
11 participating counties and the desirability of expanding the program into other
12 counties."

13 Sec. 2. Subsection (h) of Section 69 of Chapter 1044 of the 1991 Session
14 Laws, as amended by Section 111 of Chapter 561 of the 1993 Session Laws, reads as
15 rewritten:

16 "(h) Subsections (a) through (d) of this section expire ~~December 1, 1994~~, June 30,
17 1995."

18 Sec. 3. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Wildlife
19 Resources Commission the sum of sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) for the 1994-95
20 fiscal year to provide the State share necessary to expand the beaver damage control
21 pilot program established in Section 69 of Chapter 1044 of the 1991 Session Laws to
22 Duplin, Edgecombe, Franklin, Halifax, Johnston, Nash, Onslow, Pitt, Vance, Warren,
23 Wayne, and Wilson Counties, provided the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars
24 (\$25,000) in federal funds is available to provide the federal share. These funds shall be
25 matched by four thousand dollars (\$4,000) of local funds from each of the 12 additional
26 participating counties.

27 Sec. 4. This act becomes effective July 1, 1994.