

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 302

State and Local Government Committee Substitute Adopted 4/5/99

House Committee Substitute Favorable 7/7/99

Short Title: Lee and Rutherford Hunting/Chowan Fox Hunting.

(Local)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 9, 1999

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

**AN ACT TO REGULATE HUNTING IN LEE AND RUTHERFORD COUNTIES AND
TO ESTABLISH SEASONS FOR HUNTING FOXES WITH WEAPONS AND
WITH TRAPS IN CHOWAN COUNTY.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. It is unlawful for any person to hunt with a firearm, bow and arrow or crossbow, or other deadly weapon while on the land of another unless the person is a spouse, child, or grandchild of the landowner or has on his person a paper writing dated and signed by the owner or lessee of the land granting the person permission to hunt with a firearm, bow and arrow, crossbow, or other deadly weapon while on the land. If the land is owned by or leased to a club, the permission shall be signed by the club president or other chief executive. If the land is owned by or leased to a corporation, the permission shall be signed by the president or the vice-president of the corporation or the authorized designee of the president or vice-president. Permission shall not be valid for a period of more than one year, but may be valid for any shorter period stated in the permission. The written permission shall be displayed upon request to any law enforcement officer authorized to enforce this section.

1 Section 2. It is unlawful to hunt, take, or kill with a firearm, bow and arrow,
2 crossbow, or other deadly weapon or to attempt to hunt, take, or kill with any such
3 weapon any wild animal or wild bird on, from, or across the right-of-way of any public
4 road, street, highway, or thoroughfare.

5 Section 3. It is unlawful to discharge a firearm from, onto, across, or down the
6 right-of-way of any public road, street, highway, or thoroughfare. This section shall not
7 apply to law enforcement officers who discharge their firearms in the lawful discharge of
8 their duties.

9 Section 4. Violation of the provisions of Sections 1 through 3 of this act is
10 punishable as a Class 3 misdemeanor. Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 15A-
11 1340.23, violation of those sections is punishable by a fine of up to three hundred dollars
12 (\$300.00).

13 Section 5. This act is enforceable by law enforcement officers of the Wildlife
14 Resources Commission, by sheriffs and deputy sheriffs, and by other peace officers with
15 general subject matter jurisdiction.

16 Section 6. Section 5 of Chapter 128 of the 1989 Session Laws reads as
17 rewritten:

18 "Section 5. This act applies only to ~~Gates County~~ and Chowan Counties."

19 Section 7. Sections 1 through 5 of this act apply only to Lee County and
20 Rutherford County. Section 6 of this act applies only to Chowan County.

21 Section 8. This act becomes effective October 1, 1999.