

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
1991 SESSION

CHAPTER 483  
SENATE BILL 530

AN ACT TO REPEAL THE SUNSET ON OPEN SEASONS FOR TAKING FOXES WITH WEAPONS AND BY TRAPPING IN CERTAIN COUNTIES, TO PROHIBIT HUNTING ON THE LAND OF ANOTHER WITHOUT PERMISSION IN CERTAIN COUNTIES, TO ESTABLISH A SEASON FOR TAKING BEAVER IN CERTAIN COUNTIES, AND TO ESTABLISH A SEASON FOR TAKING FOXES IN EDGECOMBE COUNTY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. (a) Section 3 of Chapter 726 of the 1987 Session Laws, as amended by Chapter 504 of the 1989 Session Laws, reads as rewritten:

"Sec. 3. This act ~~shall become~~ is effective upon ~~ratification and shall expire on July 1, 1991.~~ ratification."

(b) This section applies only to Brunswick, Caswell, Clay, Graham, Henderson, Hyde, Macon, Stokes, and Tyrrell Counties.

Sec. 2. (a) Section 1 of Chapter 204 of the 1985 Session Laws reads as rewritten:

"Section 1. It is unlawful for any person to hunt, take, or kill any animal on the land of another or to take fish from private ponds, as defined in G.S. 113-129(13), on the land of another, without the written permission, in his possession, of the owner or lessee of the land. The written permission shall be dated, it shall be valid for a period of no longer than one year after issuance, and it shall be displayed upon request to any law enforcement officer with authority to enforce this act. Nothing in this section shall apply to persons participating in field trials sanctioned by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission under G.S. 113-291.1(d)."

(b) Section 4 of Chapter 204 of the 1985 Session Laws reads as rewritten:

"Sec. 4. This act applies only to ~~Hoke County.~~ Hoke, Cleveland, and Scotland Counties."

Sec. 3. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, there is an open season for taking beaver with firearms during any open season for the taking of wild animals, provided that permission has been obtained from the owner or lessee of the land on which the beaver is being taken.

(b) Notwithstanding any other law, it is lawful to use or sell beaver parts taken under a depredation permit issued by the Wildlife Resources Commission.

(c) Notwithstanding G.S. 113-291.6(d) or any other law, it is lawful to set traps number 330 of the conibear type or size, if at least one-half of the trap is covered by

water, when trapping beaver during the season for trapping beaver as established by the Wildlife Resources Commission.

(d) Notwithstanding G.S. 113-291.1(b)(2) or any other law, it is lawful to use snares when trapping beaver during the season for trapping beaver as established by the Wildlife Resources Commission.

(e) This section applies only to Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus, Craven, Johnston, Jones, Lenoir, Pamlico, Randolph, Sampson, and Wayne Counties.

Sec. 4. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, there is an open season for taking foxes by trapping from January 2 or the last day of deer season, whichever is later, through January 31 of each year.

(b) The Wildlife Resources Commission shall provide for the sale of foxes taken lawfully under this act.

(c) A bag limit of 30 applies in the aggregate to all foxes taken during the fox season established in this act.

(d) This section applies only to Edgecombe County.

Sec. 5. Sections 3 and 4 of this act become effective October 1, 1991. The remainder of this act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 2nd day of July, 1991.

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James C. Gardner  
President of the Senate

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Daniel Blue, Jr.  
Speaker of the House of Representatives