

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 173

Short Title: Gates Co. Safety Zone.

(Local)

Sponsors: Representatives H. Hunter; and Rogers.

Referred to: Local and Regional Government II.

February 13, 1995

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

**AN ACT TO CREATE A SAFETY ZONE AROUND MERCHANTS MILLPOND
STATE PARK BY PROHIBITING HUNTING IN THE VICINITY OF THE PARK.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. It is unlawful for any person to hunt with or possess a centerfire rifle or pistol in that part of Gates County bordered to the north by U.S. Highway 158, to the west by State Road 1403/1400, to the south by State Road 1404, and to the east by N.C. Highway 32.

Sec. 2. It is unlawful for any person to discharge or cause to be discharged a centerfire rifle or pistol toward Merchants Millpond State Park or to cause any projectile to enter the park property for any reason.

Sec. 3. Section 1 of this act shall not apply to a landowner or lessee of property possessing a centerfire rifle or pistol for self-protection or to prevent crop depredation or to a person transporting a firearm on a State-maintained road or highway within or on any motor vehicle.

Sec. 4. Violation of this act is a Class 3 misdemeanor.

Sec. 5. This act is enforceable by officers of the Wildlife Resources Commission, by sheriffs and deputy sheriffs, and by peace officers with general subject matter jurisdiction.

Sec. 6. This act becomes effective September 1, 1995.