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HOUSE BILL 353

Short Title: County Bird Sanctuaries.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Setzer.

Referred to: Local Government I.

March 8, 1999

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE COUNTIES TO ESTABLISH BIRD SANCTUARIES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Chapter 153A of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 153A-131.1. Bird sanctuaries.

A county may by ordinance create and establish a bird sanctuary in any area within the county that is not within a city. The ordinance may not protect any birds classed as a pest under Article 22A of Chapter 113 of the General Statutes and the Structural Pest Control Act of North Carolina of 1955 or the North Carolina Pesticide Law of 1971. When a bird sanctuary has been established, it shall be unlawful for any person to hunt, kill, trap, or otherwise take any protected birds within the boundaries of the sanctuary except pursuant to a permit issued by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission under G.S. 113-274(c)(1a) or under any other license or permit of the Wildlife Resources Commission specifically made valid for use in taking birds that would otherwise be protected by a bird sanctuary."

Section 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.