GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2009

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SENATE DRS55099-LBx-127A (02/09)

Short Title: Right to Hunt.	(Public)
Sponsors: Senator Hoyle.	
Referred to:	

1   A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE
3   RIGHT TO HUNT AND FISH IN NORTH CAROLINA.
4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
5   **SECTION 1.** Article XIV of the North Carolina Constitution is amended by adding
6 a new section to read:
7   "**Sec. 6. Right to hunt and fish.**
8   The citizens of North Carolina have a right to hunt, fish, and harvest wildlife, including the
9 use of traditional means and methods, subject only to laws as enacted by the General
10 Assembly, and rules and regulations adopted by an administrative agency to which authority
11 has been delegated in accordance with law, to promote sound wildlife conservation and
12 management. Public hunting and fishing shall be a preferred means of managing and
13 controlling wildlife. Nothing herein shall be construed to modify any provision of common law
14 or statutes relating to trespass or property rights."
15   **SECTION 2.** The amendment set out in Section 1 of this act shall be submitted to
16 the qualified voters of the State at a statewide general election on November 3, 2010, which
17 election shall be conducted under the laws then governing elections in the State. Ballots,
18 voting systems, or both may be used in accordance with Chapter 163 of the General Statutes.
19 The question to be used in the voting systems and ballots shall be:
20   "[ ] FOR   [ ] AGAINST
21   Constitutional amendment to recognize the right to hunt and fish in North Carolina."
22   **SECTION 3.**   If a majority of votes cast on the question are in favor of the
23 amendment set out in Section 1 of this act, the State Board of Elections shall certify the
24 amendment to the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State shall enroll the amendment so
25 certified among the permanent records of that office. The amendment set out in Section 1 of
26 this act shall become effective upon certification.
27   **SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law.