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Short Title: Retrieval of Big Game.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE RETRIEVAL OF KILLED OR WOUNDED BIG GAME
3 USING A SINGLE DOG ON A LEASH.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 113-291.1 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

6 "(k) If a hunter kills or wounds a big game animal during the hunting hours authorized
7 by subsection (a) of this section, the hunter may use a portable light source and a single dog on
8 a leash to assist the hunter in retrieving the dead or wounded big game animal, and may
9 dispatch a wounded big game animal using only a .22-caliber rimfire pistol, archery equipment,
10 or a handgun otherwise legal for that hunting season. Pursuit and retrieval under this subsection
11 may occur between the hours of one-half hour after sunset and 11:00 p.m. if necessary, but
12 such pursuit and retrieval may not be accomplished using a motorized vehicle.

13 For purposes of this section, the term 'dispatch' means the quick and humane killing of a
14 wounded animal to prevent further suffering through infection, starvation, or other distress in
15 the wild."

16 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2011.

