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**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

**AN ACT TO REGULATE HUNTING AND THE USE OF FIREARMS IN WAKE  
COUNTY.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. It is unlawful for any person to hunt, take, or kill any animal with the use of a center-fire rifle, unless that person is positioned at least eight feet above the ground.

Sec. 2. Unless a landowner or lessee thereof has posted upon his land a notice specifically allowing persons to hunt, take or kill any animal or to possess a loaded firearm thereon, it is unlawful for any person to hunt, take, or kill any animal, or to have in his possession, outside the confines of the passenger area of a vehicle, a loaded firearm, on the land of another, without having, in his possession, the written permission of the owner or lessee of the land. The written permission shall be dated, and shall be valid for no longer than one year after its issuance. Such permission must be displayed upon the request of any law enforcement officer with the authority to enforce this act.

Sec. 3. It is unlawful for any person to have in his possession a loaded shotgun or center-fire rifle while on the right-of-way of any road or highway when outside the confines of the passenger area of a vehicle. This section shall not apply to the fee owner of land underlying a right-of way.

Sec. 4. This act shall not apply to the use or possession of firearms in defense of persons or property, to law enforcement officers or members of the armed forces

1 acting in the line of duty, or to the use of firearms pursuant to the lawful direction of  
2 law enforcement officers.

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

6           Sec. 6. Violation of any provision of this act is a misdemeanor punishable by  
7 a fine of not more than one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) and by imprisonment not to  
8 exceed 30 days, or by both.

9           Sec. 7. This act applies only to Wake County.

10           Sec. 8. This act becomes effective October 1, 1991.