

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 1504*

Short Title: Onslow Beaver Damage Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Smith; and Alphin.

Referred to: Appropriations.

May 24, 1994

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO EXPAND THE BEAVER DAMAGE CONTROL PROGRAM TO
2 ONSLOW COUNTY AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO IMPLEMENT THE
3 EXPANSION.
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 Section 1. Subsection (b) of Section 69 of Chapter 1044 of the 1991 Session
7 Laws, as amended by Section 111 of Chapter 561 of the 1993 Session Laws, reads as
8 rewritten:

9 "(b) The Beaver Damage Control Advisory Board shall develop a pilot program to
10 control beaver damage on private and public lands. Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus,
11 Pender, Onslow, Robeson, and Sampson Counties shall participate in the pilot program.
12 The Beaver Damage Control Advisory Board shall act in an advisory capacity to the
13 Wildlife Resources Commission in the implementation of the program. In developing
14 the program, the Board shall:

- 15 (1) Orient the program primarily toward public health and safety and
16 toward landowner assistance, providing some relief to landowners
17 through beaver control and management rather than eradication;
18 (2) Develop a priority system for responding to complaints about beaver
19 damage;
20 (3) Develop a system for documenting all activities associated with beaver
21 damage control, so as to facilitate evaluation of the program;
22 (4) Provide educational activities as a part of the program, such as printed
23 materials, on-site instructions, and local workshops;

1 (5) Provide for the hiring of personnel necessary to implement beaver
2 damage control activities, administer the pilot program, and set salaries
3 of personnel;

4 (6) Evaluate the costs and benefits of the program that might be applicable
5 elsewhere in North Carolina.

6 Upon the conclusion of the pilot program on December 1, 1994, the Board shall
7 issue a report to the Wildlife Resources Commission on the results of the program,
8 including recommendations on the feasibility of continuing the program in participating
9 counties and the desirability of expanding the program into other counties."

10 Sec. 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Wildlife
11 Resources Commission the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for the 1994-95 fiscal
12 year to provide the State share necessary to expand the beaver damage control pilot
13 program established in Section 69 of Chapter 1044 of the 1991 Session Laws to Onslow
14 County. These funds shall be matched by four thousand dollars (\$4,000) of local funds
15 from Onslow County.

16 Sec. 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 1994.