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HOUSE BILL 66\*  
Committee Substitute Favorable 2/25/97

Short Title: Trespass/Theft of Pine Straw.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

February 6, 1997

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE OFFENSES OF TRESPASS ON PINE STRAW  
PRODUCTION LAND AND LARCENY OF PINE STRAW.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. The title of Article 22A of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes reads  
as rewritten:

**"ARTICLE 22A.  
TRESPASSING UPON 'POSTED' PROPERTY TO HUNT,  
~~FISH OR TRAP.~~ FISH, TRAP, OR REMOVE PINE NEEDLES/STRAW."**

Section 2. G.S. 14-159.6 reads as rewritten:

**"§ 14-159.6. Trespass for purposes of hunting, etc., without written consent a  
misdemeanor.**

(a) Any person who willfully goes on the land, waters, ponds, or a legally  
established waterfowl blind of another upon which notices, signs or ~~posters, described in~~  
~~G.S. 14-159.7, posters prohibiting hunting, fishing or trapping, trapping have been placed~~  
in accordance with the provisions of G.S. 14-159.7, or upon which 'posted' notices have  
been placed, placed in accordance with the provisions of G.S. 14-159.7, to hunt, fish or  
trap without the written consent of the owner or his agent shall be guilty of a Class 2  
misdemeanor. Provided, further, that no arrests under authority of this ~~section~~ subsection

1 shall be made without the consent of the owner or owners of said land, or their duly  
2 authorized agents in the following counties: Halifax and Warren.

3 (b) Any person who willfully goes on the land of another upon which notices,  
4 signs, or posters prohibiting raking or removing pine needles or pine straw have been  
5 placed in accordance with the provisions of G.S. 14-159.7, or upon which 'posted' notices  
6 have been placed in accordance with the provisions of G.S. 14-159.7, to rake or remove  
7 pine needles or pine straw without the written consent of the owner or his agent shall be  
8 guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor for the first offense and of a Class I felony for second or  
9 subsequent offenses."

10 Section 3. Article 16 of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes is amended by  
11 adding a new section to read:

12 "**§ 14-79.1. Larceny of pine needles or pine straw.**

13 If any person shall take and carry away, or shall aid in taking or carrying away, any  
14 pine needles or pine straw being produced on the land of another person upon which land  
15 notices, signs, or posters prohibiting the raking or removal of pine needles or pine straw  
16 have been placed in accordance with the provisions of G.S. 14-159.7, or upon which  
17 posted notices have been placed in accordance with the provisions of G.S. 14-159.7, with  
18 the intent to steal the pine needles or pine straw, that person shall be guilty of a Class H  
19 felony."

20 Section 4. This act becomes effective January 1, 1998, and applies to offenses  
21 committed on or after that date.