GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2001

SESSION LAW 2002-55 **SENATE BILL 1271**

AN ACT TO REGULATE THE USE OF CENTER-FIRE WEAPONS IN SCOTLAND COUNTY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Chapter 1143 of the 1959 Session Laws, as amended by Chapter 11 of the 1995 Session Laws, is repealed.

SECTION 2. It is unlawful to hunt with the use of a center-fire rifle or any firearm capable of firing a center-fire projectile, unless the person is positioned in a stationary and elevated position at least 10 feet above the ground.

SECTION 3. For purposes of this act, the term "center-fire" refers to ammunition of .22 caliber or larger and does not refer to shotgun slug ammunition or straight-walled ammunition fired from a handgun. The term "center-fire" does not refer to the use of muzzle-loading firearms.

SECTION 4. Violation of this act is a Class 3 misdemeanor. **SECTION 5.** This act is enforceable by officers of the Wildlife Resources Commission, by sheriffs and deputy sheriffs, and by peace officers with general subject matter jurisdiction.

SECTION 6. This act applies only to Scotland County. **SECTION 7.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2002, and applies to all offenses occurring on or after that date.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 1st day of August, 2002.

- s/ Beverly E. Perdue President of the Senate
- s/ James B. Black Speaker of the House of Representatives