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**SENATE BILL 473**  
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Short Title: Stanly/No Hunting on Private Property. (Local)

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT HUNTING AND FISHING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY  
2 WITHOUT WRITTEN PERMISSION FROM THE LANDOWNER OR LESSEE  
3 AND TO PROHIBIT HUNTING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY WHILE UNDER  
4 THE INFLUENCE OF AN IMPAIRING SUBSTANCE.  
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6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** It is unlawful to take wildlife or attempt to take wildlife on the  
8 land of another, or to fish on the land of another, without having on one's person while  
9 hunting the written permission, signed and dated for the current hunting or fishing  
10 season, of the landowner or lessee, or the landowner's or lessee's designee. The written  
11 permission shall not be valid for more than one year and may be valid for a shorter  
12 period stated in the permission. The written permission shall be displayed upon request  
13 of any law enforcement officer of the Wildlife Resources Commission, by sheriffs and  
14 deputy sheriffs, and by other law enforcement officers with general subject matter  
15 jurisdiction.

16 **SECTION 2.** It is unlawful to take wildlife or attempt to take wildlife on the  
17 land of another while under the influence of an impairing substance. For purposes of  
18 this section, the term "impairing substance" includes alcohol, controlled substances  
19 under Chapter 90 of the General Statutes, any drug or psychoactive substance capable of  
20 impairing a person's physical or mental faculties, or any combination of those  
21 substances.

22 **SECTION 3.** Violation of this act is a Class 2 misdemeanor. Any person  
23 convicted of violating this act may be ordered by the presiding judge to complete a  
24 hunter safety course under G.S. 113-270.1A.

25 **SECTION 4.** This act is enforceable by law enforcement officers of the  
26 Wildlife Resources Commission, by sheriffs and deputy sheriffs, and by peace officers  
27 with general subject matter jurisdiction.

28 **SECTION 5.** This act applies only to Stanly and Johnston Counties.

1           **SECTION 6.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2007, and applies to  
2 offenses committed on or after that date.