

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2007**

**SENATE BILL 473  
RATIFIED BILL**

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT HUNTING AND FISHING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY  
WITHOUT WRITTEN PERMISSION FROM THE LANDOWNER OR LESSEE  
AND TO PROHIBIT HUNTING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY WHILE UNDER  
THE INFLUENCE OF AN IMPAIRING SUBSTANCE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

**SECTION 2.** It is unlawful for a person to take wildlife or attempt to take wildlife on the land of another while under the influence of an impairing substance or after having consumed sufficient alcohol that the person has an alcohol concentration of 0.08 or more. For purposes of this section, the terms "impairing substance" and "under the influence of an impairing substance" are defined as set forth in G.S. 20-4.01.

**SECTION 3.** Violation of this act is a Class 2 misdemeanor.

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

**SECTION 5.** Sections 1 through 4 of this act apply to Caswell, Johnston, and Stanly Counties. Sections 1, 3, and 4 of this act apply to Orange County.

**SECTION 6.** Section 4 of S.L. 2005-264 reads as rewritten:

**"SECTION 4.** This act applies only to ~~Orange and Wilson Counties.~~County."

**SECTION 7.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2007, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 24<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2007.

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Beverly E. Perdue  
President of the Senate

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Joe Hackney  
Speaker of the House of Representatives