

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 1419

Short Title: Bat Protection Act. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Cleveland, Lucas, and Gulley (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Wildlife Resources, if favorable, Ways and Means/Broadband Connectivity.

April 13, 2009

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE CAPTURE, INJURY, KILLING, OR DISTURBANCE OF
3 BATS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 113-337 reads as rewritten:

6 "**§ 113-337. Unlawful acts; penalties.**

7 (a) It is unlawful:

8 (1) To take, possess, transport, sell, barter, trade, exchange, export, or offer for
9 sale, barter, trade, exchange or export, or give away for any purpose
10 including advertising or other promotional purpose any animal on a
11 protected wild animal list, except as authorized according to the regulations
12 of the Commission, including those promulgated pursuant to
13 G.S. 113-333(4);G.S. 113-333(1).

14 (1a) To capture, injure, or kill a bat, disturb a bat in its roost, or deliberately
15 disturb a group of bats, or intentionally obstruct access to a bat roost;
16 however, nothing in this subdivision prevents a certified wildlife control
17 agent from engaging in bat exclusion actions otherwise authorized by the
18 Commission.

19 (2) To perform any act specifically prohibited by the regulations of the
20 Commission promulgated pursuant to its authority under G.S. 113-333.

21 (b) Each person convicted of violating the provisions of this Article is guilty of a Class
22 1 misdemeanor."

23 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2009, and applies to acts
24 committed on or after that date.

