

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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SENATE BILL 201

Short Title: Allow Hunting With Silencers. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Randleman (Primary Sponsor); Brock and Newton.

Referred to: Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO ALLOW HUNTING WITH A SILENCER OR OTHER DEVICE DESIGNED  
3 TO MUFFLE OR MINIMIZE THE REPORT OF A FIREARM.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 113-291.1(c) reads as rewritten:

6 "(c) It is a Class 1 misdemeanor for any person taking wildlife to have in his possession  
7 any:

8 (1) ~~Firearm equipped with a silencer or any device designed to silence, muffle,~~  
9 ~~or minimize the report of the firearm. The firearm is considered equipped~~  
10 ~~with the silencer or device whether it is attached to the firearm or separate~~  
11 ~~but reasonably accessible for attachment during the taking of the wildlife.~~

12 (2) Weapon of mass death and destruction as defined in G.S. 14-288.8.

13 The Wildlife Resources Commission may prohibit individuals training dogs or taking  
14 particular species from carrying axes, saws, tree-climbing equipment, and other implements  
15 that may facilitate the unlawful taking of wildlife, except tree-climbing equipment may be  
16 carried and used by persons lawfully taking raccoons and opossums during open season."

17 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

