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HOUSE BILL 733

Short Title: Require Permit for Ginseng Harvesting. (Public)

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April 15, 2015

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO FORBID THE HARVESTING OF WILD GINSENG WITHOUT A HARVESTING PERMIT ISSUED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 106-202.19(a) is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

"(5a) To harvest ginseng from the wild outside of a harvesting season as provided by the Board or without holding a currently valid State permit to collect wild ginseng. The Board may charge a reasonable fee not to exceed twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) annually for a permit under this subdivision."

SECTION 2. The North Carolina Plant Conservation Board shall issue rules to implement this act.

SECTION 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.

