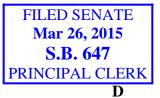
## GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA **SESSION 2015**



## SENATE DRS15168-LL-121 (03/10)

|                  | Short Title   | e: A           | Amend Trapping Law.   | (Public)                    |
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|                  | Sponsors:   | S              | enators Sanderson and B. Jackson (Primary Sponsors).  |                             |
|                  | Referred to   | o:             |   |                             |
| 1<br>2<br>3<br>4 | The Gener   | al As          | A BILL TO BE ENTITLED<br>MEND THE TRAPPING LAW RELATING TO CONIBEA<br>sembly of North Carolina enacts:<br><b>TION 1.</b> G.S. 113-291.6 reads as rewritten: | R TYPE TRAPS.               |
| 5                | "   |                |   |                             |
| 6                | (d)   |                | bear type traps that have an inside jaw spread or opening   |                             |
| 7                | greater than seven and one-half inches and no larger than 26 inches in width and 12 inches in |                |   |                             |
| 8                | •   |                | y be set in the water and in areas in which beaver and ott  | er may be lawfully          |
| 9<br>10          | trapped. Fo   |                | purposes of this section:   | a anahar sacurad in         |
| 10<br>11         |   | (1)            | A water-set trap is one totally covered by water with the water deep enough to drown the animal trapped quickly.  | e anchor secured in         |
| 11               |   | (2)            | In areas of tidal waters, the mean high water is considered   | d covering water            |
| 12               |   | (2) (3)        | In reservoir areas, covering water is the low water level p   | -                           |
| 14               |   | $(\mathbf{J})$ | preceding 24 hours.   | ie vannig during the        |
| 15               |   | (4)            | Marshland, as defined in G.S. 113-229(n)(3), is not consid  | dered dry land              |
| 16               | <u>(d1)</u>   |                | ket sets" are prohibited.   | dered dry fund.             |
| 17               | $\frac{d(d1)}{d(d2)}$   |                | bear type traps set with bait and having an inside jaw spread   | d or opening (width         |
| 18               |   |                | er than five and one-half inches and no more than seven a   |                             |
| 19               |   | -              | ry land only under the following restrictions:  |                             |
| 20               | •   | (1)            | Within an enclosure approved by the rules of the North  | h Carolina Wildlife         |
| 21               |   |                | Resources Commission subject to the following minimu  | m requirements: no          |
| 22               |   |                | openings on the enclosure may exceed 60 square inch   | es, the trap trigger        |
| 23               |   |                | shall be recessed at least eight inches from all openings,  | and the top surface         |
| 24               |   |                | of the enclosure entrance shall include an overhang su  | <u>uch that the trigger</u> |
| 25               |   |                | recess distance and the overhang distance are no less   | than 12 inches in           |
| 26               |   |                | <u>combination.</u>   |                             |
| 27               |   | <u>(2)</u>     | In an elevated position of at least four feet above ground  |                             |
| 28               | <u>(d3)</u>   |                | bear type traps set without an enclosure as described in this   | section and without         |
| 29               | <u>bait may b</u>   |                | on dry land only under the following restrictions:  |                             |
| 30               |   | <u>(1)</u>     | On public lands, (i) traps having an inside jaw spread of   |                             |
| 31               |   |                | height) greater than five and one-half inches and no  |                             |
| 32               |   |                | one-half inches must be set such that the top of the trap is  |                             |
| 33<br>24         |   |                | inches above the ground or (ii) the bottom of the trap is   | snall be elevated at        |
| 34<br>25         |   | ( <b>2</b> )   | least five feet above the ground.   | annod on anonin-            |
| 35<br>36         |   | <u>(2)</u>     | <u>On private lands, (i) traps may not have an inside jaw</u><br>(width or height) greater than six and one-half inches or                                  | · · · ·                     |
| 50               |   |                | (widen of height) greater than six and one-han inches of  | <u>(II) naps naving an</u>  |
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| 1  | inside jaw spread or opening (width or height) no more than seven and                                 |  |  |  |  |
| 2  | one-half inches may be set in buildings and structures or as authorized by a                          |  |  |  |  |
| 3  | depredation permit issued by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources                                    |  |  |  |  |
| 4  | Commission."  |  |  |  |  |
| 5  | <b>SECTION 2.</b> G.S. 113-270.5(a) reads as rewritten:   |  |  |  |  |
| 6  | "(a) Except as otherwise specifically provided by law, no one may take fur-bearing                    |  |  |  |  |
| 7  | animals by trapping, or by any other authorized special method that preserves the pelt from           |  |  |  |  |
| 8  | injury, without first having procured a current and valid trapping license. All individuals           |  |  |  |  |
| 9  | licensed under this section after October 1, 2016, shall complete a trapper education course          |  |  |  |  |
| 10 | approved by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission. When the trapping license is            |  |  |  |  |
| 11 | required, it serves in lieu of a hunting license in the taking of fur-bearing animals. If fur-bearing |  |  |  |  |
| 12 | animals are taken as game, at the times and by the hunting methods that may be authorized,            |  |  |  |  |
| 13 | hunting license requirements apply."  |  |  |  |  |
| 14 | <b>SECTION 3.</b> The North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission shall adopt rules                  |  |  |  |  |
| 15 | to require the reporting of domestic animals taken by trapping.                                       |  |  |  |  |
| 16 | SECTION 4. This act becomes effective December 1, 2015, and applies to                                |  |  |  |  |
| 17 |   |  |  |  |  |

17 offenses committed on or after that date.