

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2007**

**SESSION LAW 2007-13
SENATE BILL 153**

AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT THE FEDERAL LAKE MATTAMUSKEET LODGE PRESERVATION ACT BY ACCEPTING THE TRANSFER AND PROVIDING THAT AFTER REPAIRS AND RENOVATIONS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL RESOURCES THE PROPERTY SHALL BE TRANSFERRED TO AND MANAGED BY THE WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION.

Whereas, the Lake Mattamuskeet Lodge Preservation Act, P.L. 109-358, became law October 16, 2006, and provides for transfer to the State of North Carolina of a parcel of real property consisting of approximately 6.25 acres and containing Mattamuskeet Lodge and surrounding property, including the Mattamuskeet National Wildlife Refuge headquarters; and

Whereas, Section 2(b) of that act provides the transfer is conditional on the State of North Carolina agreeing to restore and maintain the lodge in accordance with Article 1 of Chapter 121 of the General Statutes, the North Carolina Archives and History Act; and

Whereas, due to the unique nature of the property, after repairs and renovations are completed the Wildlife Resources Commission will be a more appropriate management agency; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Article 1 of Chapter 121 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 121-9.1. Lake Mattamuskeet Lodge Preservation.

(a) Notwithstanding G.S. 121-9, the State of North Carolina accepts the transfer of the Mattamuskeet Lodge and surrounding property to the State under the Lake Mattamuskeet Lodge Preservation Act, P.L. 109-358. After completion of repairs and renovations by the Department of Cultural Resources, the property shall be transferred to and managed by the Wildlife Resources Commission.

(b) Any plans for repair and renovation of the Mattamuskeet Lodge from the Repairs and Renovations Reserve Account under G.S. 143-15.3A are subject to review by the Wildlife Resources Commission."

SECTION 2. Effective July 1, 2007, G.S. 121-9.1(b), as enacted by Section 1 of this act, reads as rewritten:

"(b) Any plans for repair and renovation of the Mattamuskeet Lodge from the Repairs and Renovations Reserve Account under ~~G.S. 143-15.3A~~ G.S. 143C-4-3 are subject to review by the Wildlife Resources Commission."

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

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 2nd day of April, 2007.

s/ Beverly E. Perdue
President of the Senate

s/ Joe Hackney
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ Michael F. Easley
Governor

Approved 11:22 a.m. this 12th day of April, 2007