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HOUSE BILL 1117*

Short Title: Trespass/Theft of Pine Straw.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives J. Brown; and Rayfield.

Referred to: Agriculture, if favorable Judiciary II.

May 14, 1996

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE OFFENSES OF TRESPASS ON PINE STRAW
PRODUCTION LAND AND LARCENY OF PINE STRAW.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. The title of Article 22A of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes is
rewritten to read:

"ARTICLE 22A.

**TRESPASSING UPON 'POSTED' PROPERTY TO HUNT,
FISH OR TRAP-OR REMOVE PINE NEEDLES/STRAW."**

Sec. 2. G.S. 14-159.6 is rewritten to read:

**"§ 14-159.6. Trespass for purposes of hunting, etc., without written consent a
misdemeanor.**

(a) Any person who willfully goes on the land, waters, ponds, or a legally
established waterfowl blind of another upon which notices, signs or posters, described in
G.S. 14-159.7, prohibiting hunting, fishing or trapping, or upon which 'posted' notices
have been placed, to hunt, fish or trap without the written consent of the owner or his
agent shall be guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor. Provided, further, that no arrests under
authority of this section shall be made without the consent of the owner or owners of said
land, or their duly authorized agents in the following counties: Halifax and Warren.

1 (b) Any person who willfully goes on the land of another upon which notices,
2 signs or posters, described in G.S. 14-159.7, prohibiting raking and/or removing pine
3 needles/straw, or upon which 'posted' notices have been placed, without the written
4 consent of the owner or his agent shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor for the first
5 offense, and of a Class I felony for second or subsequent offenses."

6 Sec. 3. Article 16 of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a
7 new section to read:

8 **"§ 14-79.1. Larceny of pine straw.**

9 If any person shall take and carry away, or shall aid in taking or carrying away any
10 pine needles/straw being produced on the land of another person with the intent to steal
11 the pine needles/straw, that person shall be guilty of a Class H felony."

12 Sec. 4. This act becomes effective December 1, 1996.