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HOUSE BILL 951
Committee Substitute Favorable 4/19/95

Short Title: Carteret/Beaver Control.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

April 12, 1995

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE BEAVER DAMAGE CONTROL PILOT PROGRAM BY CARTERET COUNTY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Subsection (b) of Section 69 of Chapter 1044 of the 1991 Session Laws, as amended by Section 111 of Chapter 561 of the 1993 Session Laws and by Section 27.3 of Chapter 769 of the 1993 Session Laws, reads as rewritten:

"(b) The Beaver Damage Control Advisory Board shall develop a pilot program to control beaver damage on private and public lands. Bladen, Brunswick, Carteret, Chatham, Columbus, Duplin, Edgecombe, Franklin, Halifax, Johnston, Lincoln, Nash, Onslow, Pender, Pitt, Robeson, Sampson, Vance, Warren, Wayne, and Wilson Counties shall participate in the pilot program. The Beaver Damage Control Advisory Board shall act in an advisory capacity to the Wildlife Resources Commission in the implementation of the program. In developing the program, the Board shall:

- (1) Orient the program primarily toward public health and safety and toward landowner assistance, providing some relief to landowners through beaver control and management rather than eradication;
- (2) Develop a priority system for responding to complaints about beaver damage;

- 1 (3) Develop a system for documenting all activities associated with beaver
2 damage control, so as to facilitate evaluation of the program;
3 (4) Provide educational activities as a part of the program, such as printed
4 materials, on-site instructions, and local workshops;
5 (5) Provide for the hiring of personnel necessary to implement beaver
6 damage control activities, administer the pilot program, and set salaries
7 of personnel;
8 (6) Evaluate the costs and benefits of the program that might be applicable
9 elsewhere in North Carolina.

10 No later than September 30, 1994 and again upon the conclusion of the pilot program
11 on June 30, 1995, the Board shall issue a report to the Wildlife Resources Commission on
12 the program to date, including recommendations on the feasibility of continuing the
13 program in participating counties and the desirability of expanding the program into other
14 counties. The Wildlife Resources Commission shall prepare a plan to implement a
15 statewide program to control beaver damage on private and public lands. No later than
16 January 1, 1995, the Wildlife Resources Commission shall present its plan in a report to
17 the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Natural and Economic Resources and the
18 Senate Appropriations Committee on Natural and Economic Resources."

19 Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.