## GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA **SESSION 2005**

## **HOUSE BILL 2653 RATIFIED BILL**

## AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A SEASON FOR THE TRAPPING OF FOXES IN ALAMANCE COUNTY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, there is an open season for trapping foxes from October 1 through January 31 of each year.

**SECTION 2.** There are no bag limits or tag requirements for foxes taken during the season established in this act.

**SECTION 3.** During this season, leghold traps shall have rubber pad jaws, double swivel chains, and identification tags.

**SECTION 4.** No person shall place traps on the land of another without first obtaining written permission from the landowner or lessee.

SECTION 5. The Wildlife Resources Commission shall provide for the sale of foxes taken lawfully pursuant to this act.

**SECTION 6.** The Wildlife Resources Commission shall study and develop an appropriate season for the trapping of foxes in Alamance County, to be implemented by rule after the expiration of the season established in Sections 1 through 5 of this act.

**SECTION 7.** Nothing in this act restricts the lawful killing of coyotes. **SECTION 8.** This act applies only to Alamance County.

SECTION 9. Sections 1 through 5 of this act become effective October 1. 2006, and expire January 31, 2008. The remainder of this act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2006.

> Beverly E. Perdue President of the Senate

James B. Black Speaker of the House of Representatives