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HOUSE BILL 857

Short Title: Minimum Caliber of Rifles for Taking Big Game. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Lucas.

Referred to: Wildlife Resources, if favorable, Judiciary III.

March 30, 2009

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION TO SET MINIMUM
3 CALIBER REQUIREMENTS FOR RIFLES USED IN TAKING BIG GAME.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 113-291.1(a) reads as rewritten:

6 "(a) Except as otherwise provided, game may only be taken between a half hour before
7 sunrise and a half hour after sunset and only by one or a combination of the following methods:

8 (1) With a ~~rifle~~ rifle of at least the minimum caliber set by the Wildlife
9 Resources Commission for the type of game being taken, except that rifles
10 may not be used in taking wild turkeys.

11 (2) With a shotgun not larger than number 10 gauge.

12 (3) With a bow and arrow of a type prescribed in the rules of the Wildlife
13 Resources Commission.

14 (4) With the use of dogs.

15 (5) By means of falconry.

16 Fur-bearing animals may be taken at any time during open trapping season with traps
17 authorized under G.S. 113-291.6 and as otherwise authorized pursuant to this subsection, and
18 rabbits may be box-trapped in accordance with rules of the Wildlife Resources Commission.
19 The Wildlife Resources Commission may adopt rules prescribing the manner of taking wild
20 birds and wild animals not classified as game. Use of pistols in taking wildlife is governed by
21 subsection (g). The Wildlife Resources Commission may prescribe the manner of taking wild
22 animals and wild birds on game lands and public hunting grounds."

23 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2009.

