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HOUSE BILL 324
Committee Substitute Favorable 4/16/19

Short Title: Cleveland/Caldwell Counties Hunting Omnibus.

(Local)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 12, 2019

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO LOCAL HUNTING ACTS FOR
3 CLEVELAND AND CALDWELL COUNTIES.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.(a)** The following local acts are repealed:

6 (1) Chapter 388, Public Laws 1907.

7 (2) Chapter 1101 of the 1951 Session Laws.

8 (3) Sections 1 and 3 of Chapter 587 of the 1979 Session Laws.

9 **SECTION 1.(b)** G.S. 113-133.1(e) reads as rewritten:

10 "(e) Because of strong community interest expressed in their retention, the local acts or
11 portions of local acts listed in this section are not repealed. The following local acts are retained
12 to the extent they apply to the county for which listed:

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14 Cleveland: ~~Public Laws 1907, Chapter 388; Session Laws 1951, Chapter 1101; Session Laws~~
15 1979, Chapter 587.

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17 **SECTION 1.(c)** Chapter 587 of the 1979 Session Laws, as amended by subsection
18 (a) of this section, reads as rewritten:

19 "Sec. 2. It shall be unlawful for any person to discharge any ~~centerfire rifle~~ firearm from, to
20 or across the roadway or right-of-way of any State-maintained road or highway. This act shall
21 not be interpreted to make unlawful the mere possession of a ~~centerfire rifle~~ firearm on any
22 State-maintained road or highway when ~~such rifle~~ the firearm is being transported within or on
23 any motor vehicle.

24 "Sec. 4. Any person violating the provisions of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and
25 upon conviction, shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) or more than two
26 hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) or imprisoned not more than 30 days, or both fined and
27 imprisoned, in the discretion of the court.

28 "Sec. 5. All law enforcement officers, including wildlife protectors, shall have the ~~authority,~~
29 ~~upon request of a landowner or lessee of land,~~ authority to enforce the provisions of this act.

30 "Sec. 6. This act ~~shall be effective only as to those lands in Cleveland County lying north of~~
31 ~~U.S. Highway 74 and south of secondary road 1361 and N.C. Highway 182.~~ applies only to
32 Cleveland County."

33 **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of S.L. 2018-10 reads as rewritten:

34 "SECTION 1.(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, there is an open season for
35 taking foxes with weapons and for foxes and coyotes by trapping during the trapping season set



1 by the Wildlife Resources Commission each year, with no tagging requirements prior to or after
2 sale.

3 "SECTION 1.(b) No bag limit applies to coyotes and foxes taken under this act.

4 "SECTION 1.(c) This section applies only to Cabarrus, Caldwell, Cleveland, Gaston,
5 McDowell, Mitchell, Montgomery, Rowan, Rutherford, and Stokes Counties."

6 SECTION 3. This act becomes effective October 1, 2019.