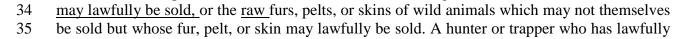
## GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2021

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## SENATE BILL 339 House Committee Substitute Favorable 6/30/22 Third Edition Engrossed 6/30/22

Short Title:	2022 WRC Amendments.	(Public)
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1		A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2	AN ACT	T TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE STATUTES GOVERNING THE
3		DLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION.
4	The Gene	eral Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
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6	INCREA	SE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF EMERGENCY POWERS OR RULES
7		ISED TO RESPOND TO WILDLIFE DISEASE
8		SECTION 1.(a) G.S. 113-135.1(b) reads as rewritten:
9	"(b)	The limitation upon penalty does not apply to any rule violation:
10		(1) Punishable under G.S. 113-294 or otherwise involving aggravating elements
11		that result in a greater punishment than provided by G.S. 113-135;
12		(2) That involves a defendant subject to the collection-license provisions of
13		G.S. 113-272.4 or who is a dealer as defined in G.S. 113-273; or
14		(3) Relating to seasons, bag limits, creel limits, taking fish other than with hook
15		and line, buying or selling wildlife, possessing or transporting live wildlife,
16		taking wildlife at night or with the aid of a conveyance, or falconry.
17		(4) <u>Related to violation of emergency powers exercised to respond to a wildlife</u>
18		disease that threatens irreparable injury to wildlife or the public pursuant to
19		<u>G.S. 113-306(f).</u> "
20		<b>SECTION 1.(b)</b> G.S. 113-306 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:
21	" <u>(g)</u>	Any person who violates emergency powers or rules adopted pursuant to subsection
22		is section is guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor for a first conviction or a Class 2
23	misdeme	anor for a second or subsequent conviction within three years."
24	66	<b>SECTION 1.(c)</b> This section becomes effective December 1, 2022, and applies to
25	offenses	committed on or after that date.
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27	FUR DE	ALER LICENSE CHANGES
28	"(())	SECTION 2.(a) G.S. 113-273(f) reads as rewritten:
29	"(f)	Fur-Dealer License. – Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, any individual
30		ate who deals in furs must obtain an appropriate fur-dealer license. For the purposes of
31		ection, "dealing in furs" is engaging in the business of buying or selling fur bearing
32		or other wild animals that may lawfully be sold, refers to any individual who buys and
33	sens the i	aw furs, pelts, or skins of those animals, fur-bearing animals or other wild animals that





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1	taken wild animals whose fur, pelt, or skin is permitted to be sold under this subsection is not
2	considered a fur dealer if he the hunter or trapper exclusively sells the animals or the raw furs,
3	pelts, and skins, as appropriate, to licensed fur dealers. All fur-dealer licenses are annual licenses
4	issued beginning July 1 each year running until the following June 30. Fur-dealer licenses issued
5	by the Wildlife Resources Commission are as follows:
6	(1) Resident fur-dealer license, sixty dollars (\$60.00). thirty dollars (\$30.00).
7	Authorizes an individual resident of the State to deal in furs in accordance
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	with the rules of the Wildlife Resources Commission.
9	(2) Nonresident fur-dealer license, three hundred dollars ( $\$300.00$ ). sixty dollars
10	(\$60.00). Authorizes an individual within the State to deal in furs in
11	accordance with the rules of the Wildlife Resources Commission.
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13	<b>SECTION 2.(b)</b> This section becomes effective August 1, 2022.
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15	INCLUDE PUBLIC MOUNTAIN TROUT WATERS IN RESIDENT SUBSISTENCE
16	UNIFIED INLAND/COASTAL RECREATIONAL FISHING LICENSE WAIVER
17	SECTION 5. G.S. 113-351(d) reads as rewritten:
18	"(d) Resident Subsistence Unified Inland/Coastal Recreational Fishing License Waiver. –
19	A county department of social services shall issue a Resident Subsistence Unified Inland/Coastal
20	Recreational Fishing License Waiver to an individual who receives benefits from Medicaid, Food
21	and Nutrition Services, or Work First Family Assistance through the county department of social
22	services and who requests a waiver. This waiver shall be issued at no charge. This waiver is valid
23	for a period of one year from the date of issuance. This waiver shall be issued only to an
24	individual who is a resident of the State. This waiver authorizes the waiver holder to fish with
25	hook and line for all fish in all inland fishing waters and joint fishing waters, except for including
26	public mountain trout waters, and to engage in recreational fishing in coastal fishing waters.
27	County departments of social services shall supply the Wildlife Resources Commission with the
28	name, mailing address, and telephone number of each individual who receives a waiver."
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30	DEFINE "DOMESTICALLY RAISED WATERFOWL AND GAME BIRDS"
31	<b>SECTION 6.</b> G.S. 113-129 reads as rewritten:
32	"§ 113-129. Definitions relating to resources.
33	The following definitions and their cognates apply in the description of the various marine
34	and estuarine and wildlife resources:
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36	(5b) <u>Domestically Raised Waterfowl and Game Birds. – Propagated mallard ducks</u>
37	in accordance with 50 C.F.R. § 21.13, bobwhite quail, ringed neck pheasants,
38	chukar partridges, and Hungarian partridges.
39	(5c) Farmed Cervid. – Any member of the Cervidae family, other than white-tailed
40	deer, elk, mule deer, or black-tailed deer, that is bought and sold for
41	commercial purposes.
42	(5c)(5d) Feral Swine. – Free-ranging mammals of the species Sus scrofa.
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45	EFFECTIVE DATE
46	<b>SECTION 7.</b> Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes
47	law.