

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2001**

**SENATE BILL 420
RATIFIED BILL**

AN ACT TO ELIMINATE THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT FOR POLICE OFFICERS OF THE CITY OF ROCKY MOUNT; TO REGULATE CENTER-FIRED RIFLE HUNTING IN PERQUIMANS COUNTY; AND TO PROHIBIT HUNTING ON THE LAND OF ANOTHER WITHOUT WRITTEN PERMISSION IN PERQUIMANS COUNTY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Section 140(a) of the Charter of the City of Rocky Mount, being Chapter 938 of the 1963 Session Laws, as amended by Chapter 427 of the 1969 Session Laws, reads as rewritten:

"(a) The City Manager shall appoint the Chief of Police. The Chief of Police, acting under the City Manager, shall appoint the other police officers of the City and shall have supervision and control of the police force and shall enforce discipline therein. ~~Police officers shall be residents of Nash or Edgecombe Counties, but need not be residents of the City.~~"

SECTION 2. It is unlawful to hunt with a center-fired rifle except from a stand at least eight feet above ground level.

SECTION 3. It is unlawful to hunt on the land of another without the written permission of the owner or lessee of the land, dated for the current hunting season.

SECTION 4. Penalties for violation of Section 2 or 3 of this act are those provided in G.S. 113-135(a).

SECTION 5. Sections 2 and 3 of this act are enforceable by law enforcement officers of the Wildlife Resources Commission, by sheriffs and deputy sheriffs, and by other peace officers with general subject matter jurisdiction.

SECTION 6. Section 1 of this act applies only in the City of Rocky Mount. Sections 2 through 4 of this act apply only to Perquimans County.

SECTION 7. Section 1 of this act is effective when it becomes law. Sections 2 through 5 of this act become effective October 1, 2001. The remainder of this act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 2nd day of August, 2001.

Beverly E. Perdue
President of the Senate

James B. Black
Speaker of the House of Representatives