

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 1206

Short Title: Dog Training with Waterfowl and Game Birds. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Williams, Steen, and Gulley (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Wildlife Resources.

April 13, 2005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO ALLOW THE USE OF DOMESTICALLY PROPAGATED
2 WATERFOWL AND GAME BIRDS IN DOG TRAINING UNDER CERTAIN
3 CONDITIONS.
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 113-291.1(d1) reads as rewritten:

7 "(d1) Except in areas closed to protect sensitive wildlife populations, and subject to
8 conditions and restrictions contained in rules of the Wildlife Resources Commission,
9 hunters may train dogs during the closed season:

- 10 (1) With the use of ~~approved~~ weapons and ~~ammunition~~; and ammunition
11 approved by the Wildlife Resources Commission;
12 (2) If reasonable control is exercised to prevent the dogs from running
13 unsupervised at large and from killing wild animals and wild ~~birds.~~
14 birds;
15 (3) On land owned or leased by the dog trainer or upon which the person
16 has written permission to train dogs; and
17 (4) Using artificially propagated waterfowl and game birds, provided the
18 birds are marked and sources are documented as required by the
19 Wildlife Resources Commission."

20 **SECTION 2.** At its first meeting after this act becomes law, the Wildlife
21 Resources Commission shall initiate rule making to implement provisions of this act to
22 regulate dog training. Until the rules become effective, persons may participate in dog
23 training activities for retrievers and bird dogs as permitted by G.S. 113-291.1(d1), as
24 amended by this act, using shotguns and nontoxic shot of #4 size or smaller and using
25 only domestically propagated waterfowl and game birds that have been obtained and
26 marked as currently set forth in 15A NCAC 10B.0114.

27 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.