

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2005**

**HOUSE BILL 982
RATIFIED BILL**

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT HUNTING AND THE DISCHARGE OF HIGH-POWERED RIFLES FROM THE RIGHTS-OF-WAY OF PUBLIC ROADS IN VANCE COUNTY, AND TO INCREASE THE FINES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE LAW REGULATING HUNTING ON REGISTERED LAND IN VANCE COUNTY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. It is unlawful to hunt, take, or kill wild animals or wild birds from, on, or across the right-of-way of any public road or highway in Vance County.

SECTION 2. It is unlawful to discharge a centerfire rifle from, on, or across the right-of-way of any public road or highway in Vance County.

SECTION 3. Violation of Sections 1 or 2 of this act is a Class 2 misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00).

SECTION 4. Subsection (e) of Section 9 of Chapter 903 of the 1985 Session Laws, as amended by Chapter 967 of the 1987 Session Laws, reads as rewritten:

"(e) Unless a different punishment is elsewhere provided under this act, a violation of any provision of this act is a Class 2 misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00) of not less than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) or imprisonment not to exceed 30 days."

SECTION 5. This act is enforceable by law enforcement officers of the Wildlife Resources Commission, by sheriffs and deputy sheriffs, and by peace officers with general subject matter jurisdiction.

SECTION 6. This act applies only to Vance County.

SECTION 7. This act becomes effective October 1, 2005, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 9th day of May, 2005.

Marc Basnight
President Pro Tempore of the Senate

James B. Black
Speaker of the House of Representatives