

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2011

HOUSE BILL 29  
RATIFIED BILL

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE RETRIEVAL OF KILLED OR WOUNDED BIG GAME  
USING A SINGLE DOG ON A LEASH.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 113-291.1 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(k) If a hunter kills or wounds a big game animal during the hunting hours authorized by subsection (a) of this section, the hunter may use a portable light source and a single dog on a leash to assist the hunter in retrieving the dead or wounded big game animal, and may dispatch a wounded big game animal using only a .22-caliber rimfire pistol, archery equipment, or a handgun otherwise legal for that hunting season. Pursuit and retrieval under this subsection may occur between the hours of one-half hour after sunset and 11:00 p.m. if necessary, but such pursuit and retrieval may not be accomplished using a motorized vehicle.

For purposes of this section, the term 'dispatch' means the quick and humane killing of a wounded animal to prevent further suffering through infection, starvation, or other distress in the wild."

**SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2011.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2011.

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Walter H. Dalton  
President of the Senate

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Thom Tillis  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Beverly E. Perdue  
Governor

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ .m. this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011



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