

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

SESSION 1995

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SENATE BILL 633

Short Title: Add Counties/Beaver Control Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Perdue.

Referred to: Appropriations

April 11, 1995

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE BEAVER
2 DAMAGE CONTROL PILOT PROGRAM AND TO PROVIDE FOR
3 PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM BY CARTERET, CRAVEN, AND
4 PAMLICO COUNTIES.
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6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 Section 1. Subsection (b) of Section 69 of Chapter 1044 of the 1991 Session
8 Laws, as amended by Section 111 of Chapter 561 of the 1993 Session Laws and by
9 Section 27.3 of Chapter 769 of the 1993 Session Laws, reads as rewritten:

10 "(b) The Beaver Damage Control Advisory Board shall develop a pilot program to
11 control beaver damage on private and public lands. Bladen, Brunswick, Carteret, Craven,
12 Columbus, Duplin, Edgecombe, Franklin, Halifax, Johnston, Nash, Onslow, Pamlico,
13 Pender, Pitt, Robeson, Sampson, Vance, Warren, Wayne, and Wilson Counties shall
14 participate in the pilot program. The Beaver Damage Control Advisory Board shall act in
15 an advisory capacity to the Wildlife Resources Commission in the implementation of the
16 program. In developing the program, the Board shall:

- 17 (1) Orient the program primarily toward public health and safety and
18 toward landowner assistance, providing some relief to landowners
19 through beaver control and management rather than eradication;

- 1 (2) Develop a priority system for responding to complaints about beaver
2 damage;
- 3 (3) Develop a system for documenting all activities associated with beaver
4 damage control, so as to facilitate evaluation of the program;
- 5 (4) Provide educational activities as a part of the program, such as printed
6 materials, on-site instructions, and local workshops;
- 7 (5) Provide for the hiring of personnel necessary to implement beaver
8 damage control activities, administer the pilot program, and set salaries
9 of personnel;
- 10 (6) Evaluate the costs and benefits of the program that might be applicable
11 elsewhere in North Carolina.

12 No later than September 30, 1994 and again upon the conclusion of the pilot program
13 on June 30, ~~1995~~, 1997, the Board shall issue a report to the Wildlife Resources
14 Commission on the program to date, including recommendations on the feasibility of
15 continuing the program in participating counties and the desirability of expanding the
16 program into other counties. The Wildlife Resources Commission shall prepare a plan to
17 implement a statewide program to control beaver damage on private and public lands.
18 No later than January 1, 1995, the Wildlife Resources Commission shall present its plan
19 in a report to the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Natural and Economic
20 Resources and the Senate Appropriations Committee on Natural and Economic
21 Resources."

22 Sec. 2. Subsection (h) of Section 69 of Chapter 1044 of the 1991 Session
23 Laws, as amended by Section 111 of Chapter 561 of the 1993 Session Laws and by
24 Section 27.3 of Chapter 769 of the 1993 Session Laws, reads as rewritten:

25 "(h) Subsections (a) through (d) of this section expire June 30, ~~1995~~, 1997."

26 Sec. 3. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Wildlife Resources
27 Commission the sum of three hundred fifty-five thousand seven hundred fifty dollars
28 (\$355,750) for the 1995-96 fiscal year and the sum of three hundred fifty-five thousand
29 seven hundred fifty dollars (\$355,750) for the 1996-97 fiscal year to provide the State
30 share necessary to continue the beaver damage control pilot program established by
31 Section 69 of Chapter 1044 of the 1991 Session Laws, as amended by Section 111 of
32 Chapter 561 of the 1993 Session Laws and Section 27.3 of the 1993 Session Laws, in
33 Bladen, Brunswick, Carteret, Craven, Columbus, Duplin, Edgecombe, Franklin, Halifax,
34 Johnston, Nash, Onslow, Pamlico, Pender, Pitt, Robeson, Sampson, Vance, Warren,
35 Wayne, and Wilson Counties, provided the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars
36 (\$25,000) in federal funds is available in each fiscal year to provide the federal share.
37 These funds shall be matched by four thousand dollars (\$4,000) of local funds in each
38 fiscal year from each of the 21 participating counties.

39 Sec. 4. This act becomes effective July 1, 1995.