

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 1579

Short Title: No Airboats on Lake Tillery.

(Local)

Sponsors: Representative Gibson.

Referred to: Environment and Natural Resources.

June 6, 2002

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE OPERATION OF AIRBOATS ON LAKE TILLERY,
2 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW COMMISSION.
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4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** In order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of area
6 residents, and to protect and preserve the animals, fowl, plant life, natural habitats,
7 wetlands, and local environment, the General Assembly finds that it is necessary to
8 prohibit airboats on Lake Tillery.

9 **SECTION 2.** It is unlawful to operate an airboat on the waters of Lake
10 Tillery in Montgomery and Stanly Counties.

11 **SECTION 3.** Violation of this act is punishable as a Class 3 misdemeanor.

12 **SECTION 4.** For purposes of this act, the term "airboat" means any vessel,
13 as defined in G.S. 75A-2, that is pushed, pulled, or propelled by airpower, including any
14 vessel with a propulsion mechanism similar to that of an airplane that propels out of
15 water.

16 **SECTION 5.** This act shall not apply to law enforcement officers, rescue or
17 emergency medical personnel, military personnel, or any life-saving or enforcement
18 patrols in the performance of their official duties.

19 **SECTION 6.** This act is enforceable by law enforcement officers of the
20 Wildlife Resources Commission and by other law enforcement officers pursuant to their
21 authority under G.S. 75A-17, as if this act were a provision of Chapter 75A of the
22 General Statutes.

23 **SECTION 7.** This act applies only to Montgomery and Stanly Counties.

24 **SECTION 8.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2002.