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HOUSE BILL 772

Short Title: Ban Internet Hunting.-AB (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Williams, Steen (Primary Sponsors); Barnhart, Church, Coates, England, Fisher, Goforth, Harrell, Hill, Hilton, Hollo, Johnson, LaRoque, Martin, McGee, Owens, Pate, Ray, Stam, and Tolson.

Referred to: Wildlife Resources.

March 17, 2005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT COMPUTER-ASSISTED REMOTE HUNTING.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Article 4 of Chapter 113 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 113-291.1A. Computer-assisted remote hunting prohibited.

(a) It is unlawful for a person to engage in computer-assisted remote hunting or provide or operate a facility that allows others to engage in computer-assisted remote hunting if the wild animal or wild bird being hunted or shot is located in this State.

(b) For purposes of this section "computer-assisted remote hunting" means the use of a computer or other device, equipment, or software, to remotely control the aiming and discharging of a firearm or other weapon, that allows a person, not physically present at the location of that firearm or other weapon, to hunt or shoot a wild animal or wild bird."

SECTION 2. G.S. 113-294 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(q) Any person who violates any provision of G.S. 113-291.1A is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor."

SECTION 3. G.S. 113-276.3(d) reads as rewritten:

(d) Any violation of this Subchapter or of any rule adopted by the Wildlife Resources Commission under the authority of this Subchapter which is subject to a penalty greater than the one provided in G.S. 113-135(a)(1) is a suspension offense. Conviction of any of the following suspension offenses results in a suspension for a period of two years:

- (1) A violation of G.S. 113-294(b).
- (2) A violation of G.S. 113-294(c).
- (2a) A violation of G.S. 113-294(c1).
- (3) A violation of G.S. 113-294(e).

1 (4) Repealed by Session Laws 1999-120, s. 2.

2 (5) A violation of G.S. 113-291.1A.

3 A conviction of any other suspension offense results in a suspension for a period of one
4 year."

5 **SECTION 4.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2005, and applies to
6 acts occurring on or after that date.