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SENATE BILL 1246
Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources Committee Substitute Adopted
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Short Title: Prohibit Baiting of Bears.-AB

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Referred to:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT PLACEMENT OF PROCESSED FOODS IN AREAS
WHERE THE WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION HAS SET AN OPEN
SEASON FOR TAKING BLACK BEARS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 113-294 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(r) It is unlawful to place processed food products in any area of the State where the Wildlife Resources Commission has set an open season for taking black bears. For purposes of this subsection, the term "processed food products" means any food substance or flavoring that has been modified from its raw components by the addition of ingredients or by treatment to modify its chemical composition or form or to enhance its aroma or taste. The term includes substances modified by sugar, honey, syrups, oils, salts, spices, peanut butter, grease, meat, bones, or blood, as well as extracts of such substances. The term also includes sugary products such as candies, pastries, gums, and sugar blocks, as well as extracts of such products. Nothing in this subsection prohibits the lawful disposal of solid waste or the legitimate feeding of domestic animals, livestock, or birds. The prohibition against taking bears with the use and aid of bait shall not apply to the release of dogs in the vicinity of any food source that is not a processed food product as defined herein. Violation of this subsection constitutes a Class 2 misdemeanor."

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective 1 October 2007.