

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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SENATE BILL 602

Short Title: Domestic Fowl Stray/Commercial Poultry Lands. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators East; Brock, Jackson, and Rouzer.

Referred to: Judiciary II.

April 19, 2011

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO MAKE IT A CLASS 3 MISDEMEANOR FOR A PERSON TO ALLOW  
3 DOMESTIC FOWLS TO RUN AT LARGE ON THE LANDS OF A COMMERCIAL  
4 POULTRY OPERATION AFTER RECEIVING ACTUAL OR CONSTRUCTIVE  
5 NOTICE OF THE RUNNING AT LARGE.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 SECTION 1. G.S. 68-25 reads as rewritten:

8 "§ 68-25. Domestic fowls running at large after notice.

9 (a) If any person shall permit any turkeys, geese, chickens, ducks or other domestic  
10 fowls to run at large on the lands of any other person while such lands are under cultivation in  
11 any kind of grain or feedstuff or while being used for gardens or ornamental purposes, after  
12 having received actual or constructive notice of such running at large, ~~he shall be~~ the person is  
13 guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor.

14 (b) If any person permits any domestic fowls to run at large on the lands of a  
15 commercial poultry operation after having received actual or constructive notice of such  
16 running at large, the person is guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor. For purposes of this subsection,  
17 a commercial poultry operation means any premises or operation where domestic poultry are  
18 fed, caged, housed, or otherwise kept for meat or egg production until sold or marketed.

19 (c) If it shall appear to any magistrate that after three days' notice any person persists in  
20 allowing his fowls to run at large in violation of this section and fails or refuses to keep them  
21 upon his own premises, then the said magistrate may, in his discretion, order any sheriff or  
22 other officer to kill the fowls when they are running at large as herein provided."

23 SECTION 2. This act becomes effective December 1, 2011, and applies to  
24 offenses committed on or after that date.

