GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA 1997 SESSION

S.L. 1997-61 HOUSE BILL 516

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT HUNTING FROM THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF PUBLIC ROADS IN COLUMBUS COUNTY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. It is unlawful to hunt, take, or kill any wild animal or wild bird with a firearm on, from, or across the right-of-way of any public road or highway in Columbus County without first obtaining the written permission of the owner or lessee of the land abutting the road or the land across which the weapon is being discharged.

Section 2. Section 1 of this act does not apply to the owner or lessee of the real property. A hunter recovering dogs shall not be in violation of Section 1 of this act so long as all of the hunter's weapons remain in a motor vehicle.

Section 3. Violation of this act is a Class 3 misdemeanor.

Section 4. This act is enforceable by law enforcement officers of the Wildlife Resources Commission, by sheriffs and deputy sheriffs, and by other peace officers with general subject matter jurisdiction.

Section 5. This act applies only to Columbus County.

Section 6. This act becomes effective October 1, 1997.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 19th day of May, 1997.

s/ Dennis A. Wicker President of the Senate

s/ Harold J. Brubaker Speaker of the House of Representatives