

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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**HOUSE BILL 309
Committee Substitute Favorable 4/24/17**

Short Title: Responsible Deer Management Act.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 13, 2017

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION TO STUDY THE
2 NEED FOR AND ADVISABILITY OF IMPOSING A DUTY TO AVOID WANTON
3 WASTE ON PERSONS TAKING WILDLIFE WITH OR WITHOUT A DEPREDATION
4 PERMIT.
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6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** The Wildlife Resources Commission shall study the requirements
8 applicable to owners and lessees who take wildlife while committing depredations upon their
9 property, including requirements for disposition of wildlife taken, and associated reporting
10 requirements. The Commission shall particularly examine whether a duty of wanton waste
11 should be imposed on such persons. For purposes of this study, "wanton waste" shall mean to
12 kill or cripple a big game animal without making a reasonable effort to retrieve the animal and
13 properly dispose of it. The Commission shall report its findings, including any
14 recommendations for legislative action, to the 2018 Regular Session of the 2017 General
15 Assembly upon its convening.

16 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

