



CHAPTER 113
ARTICLE 21 - LICENSES AND PERMITS ISSUED BY THE WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION

N.C.G.S. § 113-275.

General provisions respecting licenses and permits.

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§ 113-275(a) The Wildlife Resources Commission is authorized to make agreements with other jurisdictions as to reciprocal honoring of licenses in the best interests of the conservation of wildlife resources.

§ 113-275(a1) Notwithstanding the fees specified for nonresident individuals by G.S. 113-270.2- , 113-270.3, 113-270.4, 113-270.5, 113-271, 113-272.2, 113-273, or Wildlife Resources Commission rules, if the Wildlife Resources Commission finds that a state has a nonresident license fee related to wildlife resources that exceeds the fee for a comparable nonresident license in North Carolina, the Wildlife Resources Commission may, by resolution in official session, increase the nonresident license fee applicable to citizens of that state to an amount equal to the fee a North Carolina resident is required to pay in that state.

The action of the Wildlife Resources Commission to increase a fee pursuant to this subsection is not subject to the provisions of Article 2A of Chapter 150B of the General Statutes. The action of the Wildlife Resources Commission to increase a fee pursuant to this subsection becomes effective on the date specified by the Wildlife Resources Commission.

§ 113-275(b) Every license issued under the provisions of this Article is effective beginning upon its date of issuance unless the license expressly provides to the contrary, in accordance with rules of the Wildlife Resources Commission and such administrative authority

to set future effective dates in particular types of cases as may be delegated by the Wildlife Resources Commission to responsible employees or agents.

- § 113-275(b1)** No hunting or fishing license issued to a resident under the provisions of G.S. 113-270.1C, 113-270.1D, 113-270.2, 113-270.3, 113-271, or 113-272 becomes invalid for use during the term for which it is issued by reason of a removal of the residence of the licensee to another state.
- § 113-275(c)** Every license issued under the provisions of this Article must be sold for the full prescribed amount notwithstanding that a portion of the prescribed license period may have elapsed prior to the license application.
- § 113-275(c1)** Upon receipt of a proper application together with a fee of up to five dollars (\$5.00), the Wildlife Resources Commission may issue a new license or permit to replace one that has been lost or destroyed before its expiration. The application must be on a form of the Wildlife Resources Commission setting forth information in sufficient detail to allow ready identification of the lost or destroyed license or permit and ascertainment of the applicant's continued entitlement to it.
- § 113-275(d)** In implementing the sale and distribution of licenses issued under this Article, the Wildlife Resources Commission may require license applicants to disclose such information as necessary for determining the applicant's eligibility for a particular license. Such information as deemed desirable to assist in enforcement of license requirements may be required to be recorded on the face of any license. Fixing the form of the license may be by reasonable administrative directive, and requirements as to such form need not be embodied in rules of the Wildlife Resources Commission in order to be validly required.
- § 113-275(e)** Where employees of the Wildlife Resources Commission sell licenses of a type also sold through license agents, such employees must sell the licenses for the full amount and remit such full amount to the Wildlife Resources Commission without any deduction of the stipulated license agent's fee.
- § 113-275(f)** Except as otherwise specifically provided by statute or except as the Wildlife Resources Commission may by rule prescribe to the contrary:

- (1) All licenses and permits under this Article must be kept ready at hand by or about the person of individual licensees and permittees while engaged in the regulated operations;
- (2) All licenses and permits under this Article are nontransferable; and
- (3) All individuals engaged in operations subject to license or permit requirements must have an individual license or permit - except where such individuals are in the employ of and under the supervision of someone who has the license or permit or acceptable evidence of the same at hand and the activity is one for which a person not an individual may acquire a license.

§ 113-275(g) It is unlawful to buy, sell, lend, borrow, or in any other way transfer or receive or attempt to do any such things with respect to any nontransferable license or permit for the purpose of circumventing the requirements of this Article.

§ 113-275(h) It is unlawful for any person engaged in regulated operations under this Article to refuse to exhibit or display any required license, permit, or identification upon the request of any employee or agent of the Wildlife Resources Commission or of any officer authorized to enforce the provisions of this Article.

§ 113-275(i) It is unlawful to refuse to comply with any provisions of this Article or of rules and administrative requirements reasonably promulgated under the authority of this Article.

§ 113-275(j) It is a Class 1 misdemeanor for any person:

- (1) Knowingly to engage in any activity regulated under this Article with an improper, false, or altered license or permit;
- (2) Knowingly to make any application for a license or permit to which he is not entitled;
- (3) Knowingly to make any false, fraudulent, or misleading statement in applying for a license or permit under this Article; or
- (4) To counterfeit, alter, or falsify any application, license, or permit under this Article.

§ 113-275(k) A person may use a bow and arrow to take nongame fish in inland and joint fishing waters subject to any applicable rule of the Wildlife Resources Commission regarding

seasons, creel limits, type of weapon or subsidiary gear, or any other restriction necessary for the conservation of wildlife under the authority of the following licenses:

- (1) All of the combination hunting and fishing licenses issued pursuant to G.S. 113-270.1C;
- (2) All of the sportsman licenses issued pursuant to G.S. 113-270.1D;
- (3) The hunting licenses issued pursuant to G.S. 113-270.2(c)(1), (2), (3), (5), and (6);
- (4) The hook-and-line fishing licenses issued pursuant to G.S. 113-271(d)(2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (8), and (9); and
- (5) All of the special device fishing licenses issued pursuant to G.S. 113-272.2.

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APPARATUS I
17 ACTS

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Nº	YEAR	ACT	CHARACTER
01	1929	c. 335, ss. 6, 10, 11	ENACTED
02	1945	c. 567, ss. 5, 6	AMENDED
03	1961	c. 329	AMENDED
04	1965	c. 957, s. 2	AMENDED
05	1973	c. 1262, s. 18	AMENDED
06	1979	c. 830, s. 1	AMENDED
07	1981	c. 620, ss. 7, 8	AMENDED
08	1987	c. 745, s. 1	AMENDED
09	1987	c. 827, s. 98	AMENDED
10	1993	c. 539, s. 855	AMENDED
11	1994	Ex. Sess., c. 24, s. 14(c)	AMENDED
12	1994	1993 (Reg. Sess., 1994), c. 684, s. 7	AMENDED

13	1995	c. 36, s. 1	AMENDED
14	2000	S.L. 2000-189, s. 10	AMENDED
15	2005	S.L. 2005-455, s. 1.10	AMENDED
16	2019	S.L. 2019-204, s. 6(n)	AMENDED
17	2023	S.L. 2023-46, s. 21(a)	AMENDED

APPARATUS II
6 AUTHORITIES

Authorities referenced

Every G.S. cross-reference appearing in the text of this section, in order of first appearance. Nothing is characterized; the operative language is quoted from the section itself.

REFERENCE	APPEARS IN	OPERATIVE LANGUAGE IN THIS SECTION
G.S. 113-270.2	(a1)	"fees specified for nonresident individuals by"
G.S. 113-270.1C	(b1)	"a resident under the provisions of"
G.S. 113-270.1D	(k)(2)	"the sportsman licenses issued pursuant to"
G.S. 113-270.2(c)(1), (2), (3), (5), and (6)	(k)(3)	"The hunting licenses issued pursuant to"
G.S. 113-271(d)(2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (8), and (9)	(k)(4)	"hook-and-line fishing licenses issued pursuant to"
G.S. 113-272.2	(k)(5)	"device fishing licenses issued pursuant to"

APPARATUS III

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