



CHAPTER 14

ARTICLE 22A - TRESPASSING UPON "POSTED" PROPERTY TO HUNT, FISH, TRAP, OR REMOVE PINE NEEDLES/STRAW

N.C.G.S. § 14-159.6.

Trespass for purposes of hunting, etc., without written consent a misdemeanor; defense.

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§ 14-159.6(a)

Any person who willfully goes on the land, waters, ponds, or a legally established waterfowl blind of another that has been posted in accordance with the provisions of G.S. 14-159.7, to hunt, fish or trap without written permission of the landowner, lessee, or his agent shall be guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor. Written permission shall be carried on one's person, signed by the landowner, lessee, or agent, and dated within the last 12 months. The written permission shall be displayed upon request of any law enforcement officer of the Wildlife Resources Commission, sheriff or deputy sheriff, or other law enforcement officer with general subject matter jurisdiction. A person shall have written permission for purposes of this section if a landowner, lessee, or agent has granted permission to a club to hunt, fish, or trap on the land and the person is carrying both a current membership card demonstrating the person's membership in the club and a copy of written permission granted to the club that complies with the requirements of this section.

§ 14-159.6(b)

Any person who willfully goes on the land of another that has been posted in accordance with the provisions of G.S. 14-159.7(1), to rake or remove pine needles or pine straw without the written consent of the owner or his agent shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

§ 14-159.6(c)

AFFIRMATIVE
DEFENSE

It is an affirmative defense to a prosecution under subsection (a) or (b) of this section that the person had in fact obtained prior permission of the owner, lessee, or agent

as required by those subsections but did not have on his or her person valid written permission at the time of citation or arrest.

END OF SECTION TEXT

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APPARATUS I
10 ACTS

Amendment lineage

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Nº	YEAR	ACT	CHARACTER
01	1949	c. 887, s. 1	ENACTED
02	1953	c. 1226	AMENDED
03	1965	c. 1134	AMENDED
04	1975	c. 280, s. 1	AMENDED
05	1979	c. 830, s. 11	AMENDED
06	1991	c. 435, s. 4	AMENDED
07	1993	c. 539, s. 99	AMENDED
08	1994	Ex. Sess., c. 24, s. 14(c)	AMENDED
09	1997	S.L. 1997-443, s. 19.25(z)	AMENDED
10	2011	S.L. 2011-231, s. 1	AMENDED

APPARATUS II
2 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. 14-159.7	(a)	"in accordance with the provisions of"
G.S. 14-159.7(1)	(b)	"in accordance with the provisions of"

APPARATUS III

Citation

FULL SECTION

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 14-159.6 (2011).

PINPOINT

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 14-159.6(a) (2011).

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