

North Carolina Sheriffs' Association

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Weekly Legislative Report

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This was one of the busiest weeks for interest groups at the General Assembly this session. Home health professionals, realtors, county commissioners, 4H-ers, doctors, and many others walked the halls meeting with legislators this week. Hundreds of citizens from across North Carolina took the opportunity to knock on doors and make one last effort to ensure that Representatives and Senators knew issues of importance to them before time runs out this session.

In addition, several legislative receptions were held this week including one hosted by the Association Executives of North Carolina at the Nature Exploration Center at the North Carolina Natural Sciences Museum. The North Carolina Sheriffs' Association was one of the sponsors of the event which allowed sheriffs, legislators and their staff, lobbyists, and other State government officials to mingle and talk with each other outside the very busy and legislative-heavy halls of the General Assembly.

Legislators certainly did not let any grass grow under their feet on Wednesday when they were back at work. However, noticeably absent from their offices and the legislative reception were appropriation leaders from both the House and Senate who are likely working hard behind closed doors to deliver a budget bill, perhaps as early as next week.

The House and Senate adjourned on Friday and will reconvene on Monday, June 20, 2022.

BILL STATUS

[HOUSE BILL 315](#), Arson Law Revisions, which is summarized in the March 19, 2021 Weekly Legislative Report, has been signed into law by Governor Roy Cooper with an effective of December 1, 2022.

[HOUSE BILL 1061](#), Currituck County Game Commission/Licensing, has passed the House and has been sent to the Senate for consideration. The bill would increase the fee to obtain a license for either a stationary bush blind or a floating bush blind in Currituck County to \$40.00 for North Carolina residents. Currently, the license fee for North Carolina residents is \$25.00.

The bill would also prohibit the use of airboats on the public waters of Currituck County between September 1 of each year and April 1 of the following year. Currently, the Currituck County Game Commission has the authority to make this same restriction, but only as to Currituck Sound and subject to the approval of the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission.

This bill would apply only to Currituck County. Since the bill applies to fewer than 15 counties, it is considered a local bill. Local bills do not require the signature of the Governor and become law if approved by the General Assembly.

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