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Weekly Legislative Report

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House and Senate Appropriations' chairs and leadership have been behind closed doors much of the week presumably hammering out details of the budget. In fact, rumor has it leadership is staying in town this weekend to shore up the details of what will likely be a several hundred page bill.

Neither chamber held many committee meetings this week leaving lobbyists wondering when bills of interest to their clients will be heard. It seems safe to say that most bills of consequence will not see a committee calendar until final decisions on the budget are made.

Legislators were optimistic until recently that they would be able to wrap this Session up by the Independence Day holiday. However, two weeks have passed since any significant movement of bills has happened. Some legislators have even been heard discussing the possibility of taking a break the week of July 4th, then returning and concluding Session around mid-July.

The House and Senate adjourned on Thursday and will reconvene on Monday, June 12, 2023.

BILL STATUS

[HOUSE BILL 87](#), [Probation Modifications/Sheriff Authority](#), which is summarized in the May 26, 2023 Weekly Legislative Report, has been approved by the General Assembly and has been sent to Governor Roy Cooper for his signature.

[HOUSE BILL 140](#), [Civilian Traffic Investigators](#), which is summarized in the February 17, 2023 Weekly Legislative Report, has been amended in the Senate and has been sent back to the House for consideration of the Senate amendment. The bill, as amended, is substantially similar to [Senate Bill 77](#), [Cities/Civilian Traffic Investigators](#), which is summarized in the February 10, 2023 Weekly Legislative Report.

[HOUSE BILL 192](#), [2023 Wildlife Resources Changes.-AB](#), has been amended in the Senate to create an exception to the criminal offense of unlawful possession and use of unmanned aircraft systems. The bill, as amended, would allow the use of an unmanned aircraft or unmanned aircraft system during, immediately preparatory to, or immediately subsequent to the taking of fish for (1) spotting; locating; recording; broadcasting; or streaming video of fish; or (2) deploying bait.

Currently, it is a misdemeanor for any person to fish using an unmanned aircraft system with no

exceptions.

[HOUSE BILL 347](#), Sports Wagering/Horse Racing Wagering, which is summarized in the March 17, 2023 Weekly Legislative Report, has been approved by the General Assembly and has been sent to Governor Roy Cooper for his signature.

[HOUSE BILL 834](#), Juv Capacity/Transfer/Interrog/Confidential, which is summarized in the April 21, 2023 Weekly Legislative Report, has passed the House and has been sent to the Senate for consideration.

[SENATE BILL 582](#), North Carolina Farm Act of 2023, which is summarized in the April 7, 2023 Weekly Legislative Report, has passed the House with amendment and has been sent back to the Senate for consideration of the House amendment.

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