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HOUSE BILL DRH10511-MH-81

Short Title: Require Permit for Ginseng Harvesting. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Ager.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO FORBID THE HARVESTING OF WILD GINSENG WITHOUT A  
3 HARVESTING PERMIT ISSUED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF  
4 AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES.  
5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:  
6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 106-202.19(a) is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:  
7 "(5a) To harvest ginseng from the wild outside of a harvesting season as provided  
8 by the Board or without holding a currently valid State permit to collect wild  
9 ginseng. The Board may charge a reasonable fee not to exceed twenty-five  
10 dollars (\$25.00) annually for a permit under this subdivision. The Board may  
11 enter into memoranda of understanding with law enforcement agencies,  
12 including special peace officers of the Department of Natural and Cultural  
13 Resources, the Wildlife Resources Commission, and the Department of  
14 Environmental Quality, to provide for enforcement of this subdivision on both  
15 public and private lands."  
16 **SECTION 2.** The North Carolina Plant Conservation Board shall issue rules to  
17 implement this act. The Board shall include the following in its rules:  
18 (1) A requirement that the ginseng collection permit include physical identifying  
19 information on the permittee or equivalent information to enable law  
20 enforcement to determine if the permit is being used by persons other than the  
21 permittee.  
22 (2) A program to allow ginseng dealers permitted under G.S. 106-202.19(6) to  
23 sell ginseng harvest permits and receive a portion of the fee authorized by this  
24 act for each permit sold.  
25 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law. The North Carolina Plant  
26 Conservation Board may issue temporary rules to implement this act and shall propose permanent  
27 rules no later than April 1, 2020.

