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CLEARCUTTING
AN ACT

Relating to local governments' power to protect trees and the natural landscape
BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA:

SECTION 1: This act shall be known as "Conserved Locations where Environmental Action Requires Ceasing the Uprooting of Trees Throughout the Incoming New Growth."

SECTION 2: A new section is added under North Carolina General Statute § 160D-501(b) to read: (11) Establish nature reserves.

SECTION 3: A new section is added under North Carolina General Statute § 160D-501(b) to read: (12) Restrictions regarding clearcutting; (12a) For purposes of this section, "clearcutting" is defined as the practice of removing all or most plant life in preparation for development and infrastructure installation.

SECTION 4: This act is effective after December 31, 2026.