

House Bill 1521

By: Representatives Momtahan of the 17th, Clark of the 147th, Corbett of the 174th, Nix of the 69th, Smith of the 133rd, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 27-2-31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 wildlife control permits, so as to authorize the hunting or taking of feral hogs on wildlife
3 management areas during any season; to amend Code Section 27-3-24 of the Official Code
4 of Georgia Annotated, relating to restrictions on hunting feral hogs, so as to prohibit rules
5 and regulations adopted by the Board of Natural Resources from prohibiting open seasons
6 on hunting or trapping of feral hogs; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws;
7 and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 Code Section 27-2-31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to wildlife control
11 permits, is amended by revising paragraph (2) of subsection (b) as follows:

12 "(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (1) of this subsection, a wildlife control
13 permit for feral hogs shall authorize the hunting or trapping of such feral hogs:

14 (A) At night with a light except during the season prescribed for hunting deer;

15 (B) From within a motor vehicle or while on a motor vehicle; ~~and~~

(C) By a Georgia resident without a hunting or trapping license if such hunting occurs on premises owned by the permittee or his or her immediate family or leased by him or her or his or her immediate family and used primarily for raising or harvesting crops other than timber or for containing livestock or poultry. Nothing in this subparagraph shall be construed to affect or negate the terms of any lease agreement; and
(D) On wildlife management areas during any season, subject to the rules and regulations of the Board of Natural Resources."

SECTION 2.

Code Section 27-3-24 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to restrictions on hunting feral hogs, is amended by revising subsection (c) as follows:

"(c) The Board of Natural Resources is authorized by rules or regulations to control and regulate the hunting or taking of feral hogs on wildlife management areas, except such rules or regulations shall not set any closed season for properly permitted hunting or trapping of feral hogs."

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.