

House Bill 1095

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Title 27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to game and fish, so  
2 as to provide for the licensing of a certain type of certain mechanical feeder designed to  
3 scatter grain as bait for deer and hogs; to provide for the disposition of a license fee; to  
4 provide for the intent of the General Assembly relative to certain appropriations; to provide  
5 that it shall be lawful to entice and hunt hogs and deer by means of such a feeder; to repeal  
6 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Title 27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to game and fish, is amended by  
10 inserting at the end of Chapter 2, relating to licenses, permits, and stamps, generally, a new  
11 Code section to read as follows:

12 "27-2-32.

13 (a) The department shall issue licenses for the use of certain mechanical feeders designed  
14 to automatically to scatter grain from a container as bait for wild animals by means of an  
15 electric motor turning a device to effect such scattering. Such license shall authorize the  
16 hunting of deer and hogs through the use of such feeder, and a feeder not used for that  
17 purpose shall not require a license. A license shall be valid from July 1 of one year through  
18 June 30 of the following year. The board shall by rule or regulation provide for  
19 requirements for such devices.

20 (b) The board shall establish a license fee not to exceed \$25.00 per device per year and a  
21 tag or other evidence of licensing to be attached to the device.

22 (c) All fees received as provided in subsection (b) of this Code section shall be deposited  
23 into the state treasury in accordance with Part 1 of Article 4 of Chapter 12 of Title 45, the  
24 'Budget Act.' The General Assembly declares its intent to appropriate to the Wildlife  
25 Endowment Fund created by Code Section 27-2-30 each fiscal year an amount equal to that  
26 generated by the prior year's sales of licenses as provided in this Code section. In

1 accordance with subparagraph (c) of Paragraph III of Section IX of Article III of the  
2 Constitution of Georgia, all unexpended funds shall lapse to the general fund of the state  
3 treasury."

4 **SECTION 2.**

5 Said title is further amended by striking subsection (a) of Code Section 27-3-9, relating to  
6 the unlawful enticement of game, and inserting in lieu there thereof the following:

7 "(a) ~~It~~ Except as otherwise provided by subsection (d) of this Code section, it shall be  
8 unlawful for any person to place, expose, deposit, distribute, or scatter any corn, wheat,  
9 or other grains, salts, apples, or other feeds or bait so as to constitute a lure or attraction  
10 or enticement for any game bird or game animal on or over any area where hunters are  
11 or will be hunting. In addition to any other penalty, if a violation of this subsection  
12 involves an unlicensed feeder required to be licensed pursuant to Code Section 27-2-32,  
13 such feeder shall be seized and disposed of as contraband."

14 **SECTION 3.**

15 Said title is further amended by inserting at the end of Code Section 27-3-9, relating to the  
16 unlawful enticement of game, the following:

17 "(d) It shall be lawful to place corn, wheat, or other feeds in a mechanical feeder licensed  
18 as provided in Code Section 27-2-32 as a lure or attraction or enticement for deer and hogs  
19 and to hunt deer and hogs in the vicinity of such feeder."

20 **SECTION 4.**

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