

House Bill 1397

By: Representatives McBee of the 88th and Heard of the 89th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 27-1-28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
2 taking of nongame species, so as to amend the description of nongame species which are
3 exempt from a prohibition against hunting, trapping, fishing, taking, possessing, or
4 transporting; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 27-1-28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the taking of
8 nongame species, is amended by striking in its entirety subsection (a) and inserting in lieu
9 thereof the following:

10 "(a) Except as otherwise provided by law, rule, or regulation, it shall be unlawful to hunt,
11 trap, fish, take, possess, or transport any nongame species of wildlife, except that the
12 following species may be taken by any method except those specifically prohibited by law
13 or regulation:

- 14 (1) ~~Rats~~ Rodents that are not classified as game animals;
- 15 (2) ~~Mice~~ Terrestrial invertebrates, including without limitation insects and spiders;
- 16 (3) Coyotes;
- 17 (4) Armadillos;
- 18 (5) Groundhog;
- 19 (6) Beaver;
- 20 (7) ~~Fresh-water turtles~~ Turtles, except for the families of Cheloniidae, Dermochelydae,
21 and Testudinidae;
- 22 (8) Poisonous snakes;
- 23 (9) Frogs and toads;
- 24 (10) ~~Spring lizards~~ Lizards and salamanders;
- 25 (11) Fiddler crabs;
- 26 (12) Fresh-water crayfish;

- 1 (13) Fresh-water mussels; and
- 2 (14) Nutria."

3 **SECTION 2.**

4 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.