

House Bill 742

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 27-3-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 requirement of permission to hunt on lands of another, written permission, enforcement, and
3 immunity of landowner from civil liability, so as to change certain provisions relating to
4 punishment for violations; to provide for license ineligibility for certain persons; to repeal
5 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 27-3-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general
9 provisions relative to hunting, is amended by striking subsection (c) and inserting in lieu
10 thereof the following:

11 "(c)(1) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, any Any person who violates
12 subsection (a) or (b) of this Code section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be
13 punished by a fine of not less than ~~\$250.00~~ \$500.00.

14 (2) Any person who violates subsection (a) or (b) of this Code section for the second or
15 subsequent time within a two-year period shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of a high and
16 aggravated nature and shall be punished by a fine of not less than ~~\$500.00~~ \$1,000.00; and
17 the department shall revoke the right of such person to a hunting license for a period of
18 one year for each such second ~~or subsequent~~ conviction within a two-year period.

19 (3) Any person who violates subsection (a) or (b) of this Code section for a third or
20 subsequent time within a three-year period shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of a high and
21 aggravated nature and shall be punished by a fine of not less than ~~\$2,000.00~~ \$2,000.00; and the
22 department shall revoke the right of such person to a hunting license for a period of three
23 years for each such third or subsequent conviction within a three-year period.

24 (4) The minimum fines and revocation periods specified in this subsection shall not
25 apply, however, to an offender who is 17 years of age or younger."

1 **SECTION 2.**

2 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.