

The Senate Natural Resources and the Environment Committee offered the following substitute to HB 239:

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 change certain provisions relating to rules and regulations of the Board of Natural  
3 Resources used to establish game and fish criminal violations; to change certain provisions  
4 relating to wild animals for which licenses or permits are required; to change certain  
5 provisions relating to the unlawful enticement of game; to provide an effective date; to repeal  
6 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

8 Title 27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to game and fish, is amended by  
9 revising Code Section 27-1-39, relating to rules and regulations of the Board of Natural  
10 Resources used to establish game and fish criminal violations, as follows:

11 "27-1-39.

12 Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, for purposes of establishing criminal  
13 violations of the rules and regulations promulgated by the Board of Natural Resources as  
14 provided in this title, the ~~terms~~ term 'rules and regulations' shall mean those rules and  
15 regulations of the Board of Natural Resources in force and effect on ~~January 1, 2006~~  
16 January 1, 2007."

**SECTION 2.**

17 Said title is further amended by revising subparagraph (b)(1)(Q) of Code Section 27-5-5,  
18 relating to wild animals for which licenses or permits are required, as follows:

19 "(Q) Order Artiodactyla (even-toed ungulates) - All species except Bison bison  
20 (buffalo), Bubalus bubalis (water buffalo), and Llama guanicoe, L. glama, and L. pacos  
21 (llamas);"  
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**SECTION 3.**

Said title is further amended by revising subsections (a) and (b) of Code Section 27-3-9, relating to the unlawful enticement of game, as follows:

"(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to place, expose, deposit, distribute, or scatter any corn, wheat, or other grains, salts, apples, or other feeds or bait so as to constitute a lure or attraction or enticement for any game bird or game animal on or over any area where hunters are or will be hunting; provided, however, that is the prohibition of this subsection shall not apply to use of feeds for deer and it shall be lawful to hunt deer within the vicinity of such feeds if the hunter is at least 200 yards away from and not within sight of the feed or bait.

(b) Except as otherwise provided by subsection (a) of this Code section or other law or regulation, it shall be unlawful for any person to hunt any game bird or game animal upon, over, around, or near any place where any such feed or bait has been placed, exposed, deposited, distributed, or scattered so as to constitute a lure, attraction, or enticement to such birds or animals. It shall also be unlawful to hunt any game animal or game bird upon, over, around, or near any such place for a period of ten days following the complete removal of all such feed or bait."

**SECTION 4.**

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

**SECTION 5.**

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