

## House Bill 875

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**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT**

1 To amend Code Section 27-1-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 ownership and custody of wildlife, preservation of hunting and fishing opportunities,  
3 promotion and right to hunt, trap, or fish, local regulation, and general offenses, so as to  
4 provide for privacy of certain records and personal information maintained by the  
5 Department of Natural Resources pursuant to Title 27; to amend Code Section 52-7-5 of the  
6 Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to numbering of vessels generally, so as to  
7 provide for privacy of certain records and personal information maintained by the department  
8 pursuant to Title 52; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

9           BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

10           **SECTION 1.**

11 Code Section 27-1-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ownership and  
12 custody of wildlife, preservation of hunting and fishing opportunities, promotion and right  
13 to hunt, trap, or fish, local regulation, and general offenses, is amended by adding a new  
14 subsection to read as follows:

15       "(k) Records maintained by the department concerning individuals applying for, or in  
16       possession of, any license, registration, permit, stamp, or permission issued by the  
17       department under this title that reveal an individual's photograph or digitized image, social  
18       security number, date of birth, driver's identification number, home address, home  
19       telephone number, personal e-mail address, personal mobile telephone number, personal  
20       text number, medical or disability information, bank account numbers, account or  
21       identification number issued or used by any federal or state governmental agency or private  
22       financial institution, employment history, height, weight, race, or other physical details,  
23       signature, biometric identifiers, and any credit records or reports are except from any law  
24       of this state requiring that such records be open for public inspection; provided, however,  
25       that such records may be provided to public or private entities performing activities under  
26       an agreement with the department and such records shall remain exempt from public

27 inspection. Individuals applying for any license, registration, permit, stamp, or permission  
28 issued by the department under this title related to a business may indicate on the  
29 application that the department may reveal the address, telephone number, and e-mail  
30 address given for the business, even if these are the same as the individual's home address,  
31 telephone number, personal e-mail address, personal mobile telephone number, or personal  
32 text number."

33 **SECTION 2.**

34 Code Section 52-7-5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to numbering of  
35 vessels generally, is amended by revising subsection (g) as follows:

36 "(g) All records of the department made or kept pursuant to this Code section shall be  
37 public records; provided, however, that the records maintained by the department  
38 concerning individuals applying for, or in possession of, any license, registration, permit,  
39 stamp, or permission issued by the department under this title that reveal an individual's  
40 photograph or digitized image, social security number, date of birth, driver's identification  
41 number, home address, home telephone number, personal e-mail address, personal mobile  
42 telephone number, personal text number, medical or disability information, bank account  
43 numbers, account or identification number issued or used by any federal or state  
44 governmental agency or private financial institution, employment history, height, weight,  
45 race, or other physical details, signature, biometric identifiers, and any credit records or  
46 reports are exempt from any law of this state requiring that such records be open for public  
47 inspection; provided, however, that such records may be provided to public or private  
48 entities performing activities under an agreement with the department and such records  
49 shall remain exempt from public inspection. Individuals applying for any license,  
50 registration, permit, stamp, or permission issued by the department under this title related  
51 to a business may indicate on the application that the department may reveal the address,  
52 telephone number, and e-mail address given for the business, even if these are the same as  
53 the individual's home address, telephone number, personal e-mail address, personal mobile  
54 telephone number, or personal text number."

55 **SECTION 3.**

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