

House Bill 875

By: Representatives Knight of the 126th, Burns of the 157th, Jerguson of the 22nd, Cheokas of the 134th, McBrayer of the 153rd, and others

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.