

House Bill 158

By: Representatives Knight of the 130th, Burns of the 159th, Williams of the 119th, Williams of the 168th, and Meadows of the 5th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 27-2-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 general license requirements for hunting, trapping, and fishing, so as to allow registered boat
3 owners to hunt and fish without a license on certain days; to provide for an effective date;
4 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 27-2-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general license
8 requirements for hunting, trapping, and fishing, is amended by revising subsection (b) as
9 follows:

10 "(b) It shall be unlawful for any resident of this state who has attained the age of 16 years
11 to hunt, fish in the waters of this state, or trap without a valid hunting license, fishing
12 license, or trapping license, respectively, as provided in Code Section 27-2-23, except on
13 premises owned by him or her or his or her immediate family; provided, however, that the
14 resident owner of any vessel properly numbered in accordance with Code Section 52-7-5
15 may hunt and fish on his or her date of birth and up to two consecutive days thereafter in
16 accordance with the requirements of this title and as otherwise specified by the department.

17 It shall be unlawful for any resident of this state to hunt, fish, or trap in this state without
18 carrying such license upon his or her person, except on premises owned by him or her or
19 his or her immediate family and except when otherwise specifically directed by authorized
20 personnel of the department."

21 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

22 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2013.

23 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 3.**

24 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.