

ADOPTED

Senators Heath of the 31st, Carter of the 1st, Gooch of the 51st, Tolleson of the 20th, Mullis of the 53rd and others offered the following amendment:

1 *Amend the Senate Natural Resources and the Environment Committee substitute to HB 155*
 2 *(LC 40 0385S) by inserting after "as" on line 2 "to authorize the use of suppressors on*
 3 *hunting firearms under certain circumstances; to provide for suspension of hunting privileges*
 4 *for persons who are convicted of hunting without landowner permission, hunting in an area*
 5 *that is closed to hunting, or hunting big game out of season or at night with a suppressor*
 6 *equipped firearm;"*; *by redesignating Sections 2 through 7 as Sections 3 through 8,*
 7 *respectively; and by inserting after line 9 the following:*

8 revising Code Section 27-3-4, relating to legal weapons for hunting wildlife generally, as
 9 follows:

10 "27-3-4.

11 (a) It shall be unlawful to hunt wildlife with any weapon, except that:

12 (1) Longbows, recurve bows, crossbows, and compound bows may be used for taking
 13 small game, feral hogs, or big game. Arrows for hunting deer, bear, and feral hogs must
 14 be broadhead type;

15 (2) During primitive weapon hunts or primitive weapons seasons:

16 (A) Longbows, recurve bows, crossbows, compound bows, muzzleloading firearms of
 17 .44 caliber or larger, and muzzleloading shotguns of 20 gauge or larger loaded with
 18 single shot may be used; and

19 (B) Youth under 16 years of age may hunt deer with any firearm legal for hunting deer;

20 (3) Firearms for hunting deer, bear, and feral hogs are limited to 20 gauge shotguns or
 21 larger shotguns loaded with slugs or buckshot (except that no buckshot is permitted on
 22 state wildlife management areas unless otherwise specified), muzzleloading firearms of
 23 .44 caliber or larger, and center-fire firearms .22 caliber or larger; provided, however, that
 24 firearms for hunting feral hogs, other than those weapons specified in this paragraph, may
 25 be authorized by rule or regulation of the board. Bullets used in all center-fire rifles and
 26 handguns must be of the expanding type;

27 (4) Weapons for hunting small game shall be limited to shotguns with shot shell size of
 28 no greater than 3 1/2 inches in length with No. 2 lead shot or smaller or federally
 29 approved nontoxic shot size of F or smaller shot, .22 caliber or smaller rimfire firearms,
 30 air rifles, muzzleloading firearms, longbows, recurve bows, crossbows, and compound
 31 bows; provided, however, that nothing contained in this paragraph shall permit the taking
 32 of protected species;

33 (5)(A) For hunting deer, feral hogs, and bear, shotguns shall be limited to a capacity
 34 of not more than five shells in the magazine and chamber combined. If a plug is
 35 necessary to so limit the capacity, the plug shall be of one piece, incapable of being
 36 removed through the loading end of the magazine.

37 (B) For hunting all other game animals, shotguns shall be limited to a capacity of not
 38 more than three shells in the magazine and chamber combined. If a plug is necessary
 39 to so limit the capacity, the plug shall be of one piece, incapable of being removed
 40 through the loading end of the magazine;

41 (6) It shall be unlawful to hunt turkey with any weapons except shotguns using No. 2
 42 shot or smaller, muzzleloading firearms, longbows, crossbows, recurve bows, or
 43 compound bows. Any person taking turkey in violation of this paragraph shall be guilty
 44 of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished as for a misdemeanor,
 45 except that a fine imposed for such violation shall not be less than \$250.00;

46 (7) Weapons for hunting alligators shall be limited to hand-held ropes or snares, snatch
 47 hooks, harpoons, gigs, or arrows with restraining lines attached. Lawfully restrained
 48 alligators may be killed with any caliber handgun or bangstick and shall be killed
 49 immediately before transporting;

50 (8) There are no firearms restrictions for taking nongame animals or nongame birds; and

51 (9) ~~The use of silencers for hunting within this state is prohibited~~ Any firearm otherwise
 52 authorized for use in the hunting or taking of game may be equipped with a suppressor,
 53 provided that the user is authorized to possess such suppressor and he or she has
 54 registered the suppressor in accordance with the dictates of the National Firearms Act,
 55 68A Stat. 725 (26 U.S.C. Sections 5841-5862). For the purposes of this paragraph, the
 56 term 'suppressor' means any device for quieting or diminishing the report of any portable
 57 weapon such as a rifle, carbine, pistol, revolver, machine gun, shotgun, fowling piece, or
 58 other device from which a shot, bullet, or projectile may be discharged by an explosive.

59 (b) The hunting privileges of any person who has been convicted of violating the
 60 provisions of this title or any rule or regulation promulgated pursuant thereto by hunting
 61 without landowner permission, hunting in an area that is closed for hunting, or by hunting
 62 big game out of season or at night with a firearm equipped with a suppressor shall be
 63 suspended for three years."

64 **SECTION 2.**

65 Said title is further amended by