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Senate Bill 62

By: Senators Harper of the 7th, Tolleson of the 20th, Bethel of the 54th, Jeffares of the 17th, Ginn of the 47th and others

## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

- 1 To amend Code Section 15-9-30.3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
- 2 jurisdiction over Game and Fish Code misdemeanor violations, so as to remove certain
- 3 limitations on the jurisdiction of the probate courts over game and fish violations; to provide
- 4 for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

## 5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 SECTION 1.

- 7 Code Section 15-9-30.3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to jurisdiction
- 8 over Game and Fish Code misdemeanor violations, is amended by revising subsection (a) as
- 9 follows:
- 10 "(a) Subject to the provisions of subsection (b) of this Code section, in addition to any
- other jurisdiction vested in the probate courts, such courts shall have the right and power
- to conduct trials, receive pleas of guilty, and impose sentence upon defendants for violating
- any law specified in Title 27 which is punishable for its violation as a misdemeanor. Such
- jurisdiction shall be concurrent with other courts having jurisdiction over such violations;
- provided, however, that such courts shall not have the right and power to conduct trials,
- 16 receive pleas of guilty, and impose sentence upon defendants who are charged with:
- 17 (1) Violations of any such laws which are specified as being of a high and aggravated
- 18 nature; or
- 19 (2) A first violation of hunting deer at night with the aid of a light under Code
- 20 Section 27-3-2."
- 21 SECTION 2.
- 22 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.