

Senate Bill 112

By: Senators Harper of the 7th, Tolleson of the 20th, Jeffares of the 17th, Williams of the 19th, Burke of the 11th and others

AS PASSED SENATE

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT**

1 To amend Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 27 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to general hunting provisions, so as to prohibit the removal,
3 transportation, storage, or processing of game animal or game bird carcasses except in
4 compliance with applicable harvest recording and reporting laws and regulations of the
5 Board of Natural Resources; to amend Chapter 1 of Title 27 of the Official Code of Georgia
6 Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to game and fish, so as to update provisions
7 relating to applicability of regulations establishing criminal violations; to amend Part 2 of
8 Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to deer
9 hunting, so as to repeal obsolete provisions; to provide for related matters; to repeal
10 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

11 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

12 **SECTION 1.**

13 Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
14 relating to general hunting provisions, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as
15 follows:

16 "27-3-29.

17 (a) The board shall promulgate rules and regulations establishing harvest recording and
18 reporting requirements for game animals and game birds. Such rules and regulations shall
19 describe the type of information that is required, the requirements for transportation of the
20 carcass of a game animal or game bird killed by another person, and the requirements for
21 possession of the carcass of a game animal or game bird by any private or commercial cold
22 storage or processing facility.

23 (b) Except in compliance with all applicable rules and regulations of the board regarding
24 required harvest recording and reporting, it shall be unlawful for:

25 (1) Any person killing a game animal or game bird to remove the carcass from the place
 26 of killing or for any person to transport the carcass of a game animal or game bird killed
 27 by another person; or

28 (2) Any private or commercial cold storage or processing facility to possess the carcass
 29 of a game animal or game bird.

30 (c) It shall be unlawful to obtain, possess, or otherwise use multiple sets of licenses or
 31 harvest records for the purpose of circumventing the bag limit for any game animal or
 32 game bird for which a harvest record is required by the rules and regulations of the board.

33 (d) Any person violating the provisions of this Code section shall be guilty of a
 34 misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not more than
 35 \$200.00 or by imprisonment for not more than 30 days, or both."

36 **SECTION 2.**

37 Chapter 1 of Title 27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general
 38 provisions relative to game and fish, is amended by revising Code Section 27-1-39, relating
 39 to rules and regulations used to establish criminal violations, as follows:

40 "27-1-39.

41 Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, for purposes of establishing criminal
 42 violations of the rules and regulations promulgated by the Board of Natural Resources as
 43 provided in this title, the term 'rules and regulations' means those rules and regulations of
 44 the Board of Natural Resources in force and effect on January 1, ~~2014~~ 2015."

45 **SECTION 3.**

46 Part 2 of Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
 47 relating to deer hunting, is amended by repealing in its entirety Code Section 27-3-45,
 48 relating to information required before removal of carcasses from place of killing, and
 49 designating said Code section as reserved.

50 **SECTION 4.**

51 Said part is further amended by repealing in its entirety Code Section 27-3-46, relating to
 52 failure to affix deer tag prior to storage or processing, and designating said Code section as
 53 reserved.

54 **SECTION 5.**

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