

Senate Bill 62

By: Senators Harper of the 7th, Tolleson of the 20th, Bethel of the 54th, Jeffares of the 17th,
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AS PASSED SENATE

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
11 other jurisdiction vested in the probate courts, such courts shall have the right and power
12 to conduct trials, receive pleas of guilty, and impose sentence upon defendants for violating
13 any law specified in Title 27 which is punishable for its violation as a misdemeanor. Such
14 jurisdiction shall be concurrent with other courts having jurisdiction over such violations;
15 ~~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22 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.