

Senators Heath of the 31st, Harper of the 7th, Tippins of the 37th, Anderson of the 24th, Ginn of the 47th and Wilkinson of the 50th offered the following amendment:

ADOPTED

1 *Amend SB 72 (LC 45 0208) by inserting between "raccoon;" and "to" on line 7 the following:*
 2 to provide for the legalization of the use of silencers and suppressors for hunting in certain
 3 circumstances;

4 *By replacing lines 40 through 53 as follows:*

5 feral hogs; and

6 ~~(9) The use of silencers or suppressors for hunting within this state is prohibited;~~
 7 ~~provided, however, that a silencer or suppressor may be used for hunting on the private~~
 8 ~~property of the person using such silencer or suppressor, on private property for which~~
 9 ~~the owner of such property has provided verifiable permission to the person using such~~
 10 ~~silencer or suppressor, and on public lands in areas designated by the department.~~

11 (9) For purposes of this paragraph, the term 'air gun' means any pistol, handgun, or
 12 shoulder-held device, each of not less than 0.30 caliber, or air bow that propels a
 13 projectile in the form of a slug, shot, or arrow equipped with a broadhead utilizing
 14 unignited compressed air or gas. Air guns are legal weapons for hunting big game only
 15 during primitive weapon hunts, primitive weapon seasons, and firearm seasons. This
 16 paragraph shall stand repealed effective July 1, 2024, unless continued in effect by the
 17 General Assembly prior to that date. At its 2024 regular session, the General Assembly
 18 shall review this paragraph to determine whether it should be continued in effect."

19 *By inserting between lines 162 and 163 the following:*

20 Said part is further amended in Code Section 27-3-4, relating to legal weapons for hunting
 21 wildlife generally, use of silencers and suppressors prohibited, and penalty for violations, by
 22 revising subsection (b) as follows:

23 ~~"(b)(1) It shall be illegal to use a silencer or suppressor for hunting in violation of~~
 24 ~~paragraph (9) of subsection (a) of this Code section. A person who violates the provisions~~
 25 ~~of this paragraph shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.~~

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

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SECTION 6.

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By redesignating Sections 6 and 7 as Sections 7 and 8, respectively.