

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 1795

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE DEATON.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal section 252.040, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to nuisance predators.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 252.040, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 252.040, to read as follows:

252.040. 1. No wildlife shall be pursued, taken, killed, possessed or disposed of except in the manner, to the extent and at the time or times permitted by such rules and regulations; and any pursuit, taking, killing, possession or disposition thereof, except as permitted by such rules and regulations, are hereby prohibited. Any person violating this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor except that any person violating any of the rules and regulations pertaining to record-keeping requirements imposed on licensed fur buyers and fur dealers shall be guilty of an infraction and shall be fined not less than ten dollars nor more than one hundred dollars.

2. (1) As used in this subsection, the following terms mean:

(a) "Feral hog", any hog, including Russian and European wild boar, that is not conspicuously identified by ear tags or other forms of identification and is roaming freely upon public or private lands without the landowner's permission;

(b) "Landowner's agent", any person who has permission from a landowner to be present on the landowner's property;

(c) "Nuisance predator", any coyote, feral hog, raccoon, or skunk.

(2) Any landowner or such landowner's agent on such landowner's property may take, attempt to take, or kill a nuisance predator on the landowner's property with the use of a night vision device or a thermal imaging device.

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EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.