

HCS HB 1795 -- NUISANCE ANIMALS

SPONSOR: Deaton

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Agriculture Policy by a vote of 19 to 5.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HB 1795.

This bill specifies that any landowner or his or her agent may take, attempt to take, or kill a nuisance animal on the landowner's property with the use of a night vision or thermal imaging device.

The following is a summary of the public testimony from the committee hearing. The testimony was based on the introduced version of the bill.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that landowners should be able to protect their property from nuisance predators. Many nuisance predators are nocturnal. This bill would allow a landowner to use various methods to protect his property from these animals.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Deaton and Missouri Farm Bureau.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill said that, other than deer and turkey, landowners can shoot nuisance animals and report the taking to the department, but they must have prior permission from a conservation agent to use thermal or night vision devices.

Testifying on the bill was the Missouri Department Of Conservation.