

By: Representatives Pigott, Hale

To: Agriculture

HOUSE BILL NO. 1065
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 49-7-31.5 AND 49-7-140, MISSISSIPPI
2 CODE OF 1972, TO PROHIBIT THE TRANSPORTATION, IMPORTATION AND
3 RELEASE OF WILD HOGS, AND IMPOSE PENALTIES FOR SUCH VIOLATIONS;
4 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 49-7-31.5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 49-7-31.5. (1) The hunting, trapping and taking of nuisance
9 animals shall be regulated by the commission. The commission may
10 adopt regulations to regulate the hunting, trapping and taking of
11 nuisance animals and to control the population of nuisance
12 animals.

13 (2) (a) Landowners, agricultural leaseholders or their
14 designated agents may take predatory and nuisance animals
15 year-round on lands owned or leased by them.

16 (b) Landowners, agricultural leaseholders or their
17 designated agents may take nuisance animals with any type of
18 weapon and may take nuisance animals during the night after legal



19 hunting hours on lands owned or leased by them with a permit
20 issued by the department.

21 (c) No license is required for a resident landowner
22 hunting or trapping nuisance animals on his own land. An
23 agricultural leaseholder, designated agent and any other person
24 must possess either an all-game hunting license or trapping
25 license, unless otherwise exempt.

26 (d) No license is required for a recipient of the
27 Purple Heart Medal for wounds suffered in combat, to hunt nuisance
28 animals on private lands. Persons exempt from purchasing a
29 hunting license under this paragraph shall have in their
30 possession and on their person a copy of their DD-214 discharge
31 form indicating the receipt of the Purple Heart Medal and any
32 proof as may be required by the commission or the Department of
33 Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, while engaged in such activities.

34 (3) The taking of any animal or animals other than nuisance
35 animals by the use of a trap or traps is unlawful except during
36 the time the season is open for the taking of fur-bearing animals.

37 (4) Nuisance animals may be run, chased or pursued with
38 dogs, except as provided in Section 49-7-32, year-round by
39 licensed hunters.

40 (5) Nuisance animals may be hunted with the aid of
41 electronic calls.



42 (6) Nuisance animals may be hunted or trapped with the aid
43 of bait and lures, on private lands, according to regulations
44 adopted by the commission.

45 (7) Any part of a nuisance animal may be bought and sold
46 year-round.

47 (8) (a) Wild hogs may not be caught or trapped and released
48 into the wild at a location different from the location where the
49 wild hog was caught or trapped, or otherwise transported live in
50 the State of Mississippi.

51 (b) A violation of this subsection is a Class I
52 violation and is punishable as provided under Section 49-7-141.

53 (9) When hunting wild hogs during any open gun season on
54 deer, a hunter must wear in full view at least five hundred (500)
55 square inches of solid unbroken fluorescent orange.

56 **SECTION 2.** Section 49-7-140, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
57 amended as follows:

58 49-7-140. (1) No person may import into the state or
59 release into the wild, any live feral hog, wild swine or Russian
60 Boar.

61 (2) No person may transport on public roads or off of the
62 property of record where captured or relocate within the state any
63 live feral hog, wild swine or Russian Boar * * *.

64 (3) For the purposes of this section, "feral hogs, wild
65 swine or Russian Boar" are defined as any hog that is not a
66 domesticated pet or livestock.



67 (4) A violation of this section is a Class I violation
68 punishable as provided in Section 49-7-141.

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70 (* * *5) Nothing in this section shall be construed to
71 prohibit the lawful transport of domestic swine for customary and
72 ordinary purposes of intrastate or interstate commerce, or
73 agricultural practices.

74 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
75 and after July 1, 2022.

