

PUBLIC ACTS, 1999

CHAPTER NO. 285

HOUSE BILL NO. 252

By Representative Head

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 344

By Senator Burchett

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 70, Chapter 4, relative to wild animals.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-4-115(c), is amended by deleting the language "Big game accidentally killed may be possessed only when authorized by an enforcement officer of the wildlife resources agency or such officer's designee." And by substituting instead the following new language:

Notwithstanding any other provision of the law to the contrary, wild animals accidentally killed by a motor vehicle may be possessed by any person for personal use and consumption; except that, first, personal possession of a deer accidentally killed by a motor vehicle is permitted only if the person notifies the Wildlife Resources Agency or any law enforcement officer within a reasonable time not to exceed forty-eight (48) hours and supplies his/her name and address; and second, personal possession of a bear accidentally killed by a motor vehicle is permitted only when authorized by an enforcement officer of the Wildlife Resources Agency and the person is issued a kill tag. In deer-kill notification situations where a law enforcement officer rather than someone with the Wildlife Resources Agency is notified, the law enforcement officer or his designee shall be responsible for notifying someone with the Wildlife Resources Agency and supplying the information relevant to the deer-kill. Nothing in this section authorizes possession of federally protected wildlife or wildlife protected by the state under chapter 8 of this title.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: May 13, 1999


JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES


JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this day of 1999

DON SUNDQUIST, GOVERNOR

Pursuant to Article III, Section 18, of the Constitution of the State of Tennessee, the Governor had House Bill No. 252 in his possession longer than ten (10) days, so therefore the bill becomes law without the Governor's signature.