

BY: Environmental Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 9
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “Hixson,”; and in the same line, strike “and Wood” and substitute “Wood, Bobo, Burns, Cadden, Cane, Cole, Conroy, C. Davis, DeCarlo, Franchot, Giannetti, Howard, Hubers, Kirk, Minnick, Parrott, Pendergrass, Petzold, Riley, Rzepkowski, Valderrama, and Weir”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, strike beginning with “requiring” in line 3 down through “ways;” in line 4; in line 5, strike “number of Sundays” and substitute “Sunday”; in line 6, after “from” insert “a”; in the same line, strike “provisions” and substitute “provision”; strike beginning with “requiring” in line 6 down through “amounts;” in line 9; in line 18, after “10-405(a)” insert “and 10-415”; and strike in their entirety lines 21 through 25, inclusive.

On page 3, in line 2, strike “more than \$200” and substitute “approximately \$80”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 3, in line 14, strike “10-415.1” and substitute “10-415”; in line 16, strike “10-415.1.” and substitute “10-415.”

On page 4, strike in their entirety lines 1 through 4, inclusive, and substitute:

“(a) (B) (1) There are the following 3 seasons to hunt deer:

[(1)] (I) Deer bow hunting season;

[(2)] (II) Deer firearms season; and

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[(3)] (III) Deer muzzle loader season.”;

in line 5, strike “(C) (1)” and substitute “(2) (I) THE”; in the same line, strike “PROVISIONS” and substitute “PROVISION”; in the same line, strike “SUBSECTION DO” and substitute “PARAGRAPH DOES”; in line 7, strike “(2)” and substitute “(II)”; in line 8, strike “UP TO THREE SUNDAYS” and substitute “THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE SEASON”; strike in their entirety lines 9 through 13, inclusive, and substitute:

“[(b)] (C) (1) Every person killing a deer shall report with the deer to a designated checking station within 24 hours after killing the deer.

(2) Notwithstanding any requirement of law, if the designated checking stations are closed in the county where a person kills a deer, a Natural Resources police officer shall authorize the person to report with the deer to a designated checking station in another county.

[(c)] (D) (1) Subject to subsection [(d)(3)] (E)(3) of this section, a person with a consolidated hunting license also may purchase bonus deer stamps from the Department.

(2) A bonus deer stamp allows the person with the consolidated hunting license to hunt 1 deer for each stamp purchased in any of the following hunting seasons for deer in the State:

(i) Deer bow hunting season;

(ii) Deer muzzle loader season; and

(iii) Deer firearms season.

(3) (i) Except as provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, the fee for each bonus deer stamp issued in accordance with this subsection shall be \$5.00 for residents and \$25 for nonresidents.

(ii) The fee for each bonus deer stamp issued under this subsection shall be \$5.00 for an individual hunting deer on a federal facility.

(4) The Department may establish by regulation the type and number of deer stamps issued under this subsection if necessary to control the deer harvest in various areas of the State.

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[(d)] (E) (1) A person with a basic hunting license and any individual hunting stamp also may purchase bonus deer stamps for use during any deer hunting season.

(2) (i) Except as provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph and subject to paragraph (3) of this subsection, the bonus deer stamp allows the person with the basic license to hunt 1 deer in each hunting season for which the person has purchased an individual hunting stamp.

(ii) An individual who purchases a bonus deer stamp but does not use it during a particular season may use that stamp during any subsequent season in that hunting license year.

(3) (i) The Department may issue a limited number of bonus antlerless deer stamps for the purpose of regulating the harvest of antlerless deer in a particular deer management region or zone.

(ii) The fee to apply for a bonus antlerless deer stamp is \$5 for residents and \$25 for nonresidents.

(iii) The fee is nonrefundable if the applicant does not obtain an antlerless deer stamp. If an individual obtains a bonus antlerless deer stamp, the application fee for the stamp will be applied to the fee for the stamp and no additional stamp fee will be required.

[(e)] (F) A person may not remove the head or hide or any part from any deer, except internal organs, or cut the meat into parts until the deer has been checked by the Department or 1 of the Department's agents at a designated checking station. Removal of the head or the hide of any deer not checked at a designated checking station shall be prima facie evidence that the deer was hunted illegally. Each separate deer or part of any deer taken illegally or found in possession shall be considered a separate offense.

[(f)] (G) Any person who, while operating a motor vehicle on any highway in the State, accidentally strikes and kills a deer on the highway may have the deer if the person produces visible evidence of collision with the deer to any Natural Resources police officer, State law enforcement

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officer, or other designated representative of the Secretary. The provisions of this subsection shall be applicable to deer killed by collision with a motor vehicle at any time whether during the open season for killing deer or during the legally closed season.

[(g)] (H) A person may not hunt a deer while the deer is taking refuge in or swimming through the waters of the State.

(i) Upon written request from a federal facility for a variance from the established deer hunting season, the Department shall review the request and may:

- (1) Approve the request;
- (2) Deny the request; or
- (3) Approve the request with conditions.”;

in lines 14, 21, and 29, strike “(E)”, “(F)”, and “(G)”, respectively, and substitute “(J)”, “(K)”, and “(L)”, respectively.