

1 HB385
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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, hunting season for feral
9 swine is generally open except for certain periods
10 of stalk-only deer season and spring turkey season.

11 Also under existing law, feral swine may not
12 be hunted at night with a firearm, and it is
13 unlawful to use certain lighting equipment or other
14 electronics to aid in hunting feral swine at night.

15 This bill would provide that there would be
16 no closed hunting season for feral swine, with no
17 exceptions.

18 This bill would also provide that feral
19 swine may be hunted at night with the use of
20 certain lighting equipment or other electronics to
21 aid in hunting at night.

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23 A BILL
24 TO BE ENTITLED
25 AN ACT
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1 Relating to hunting of feral swine; to provide for
2 no closed season and no bag limit; and to provide that feral
3 swine may be hunted at night with a firearm and with other
4 specified lighting equipment.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

6 Section 1. (a) This section shall apply to the
7 hunting of feral swine on any private hunting land.

8 (b) There shall be no closed season or bag limit for
9 the hunting of feral swine.

10 (c) A person may hunt feral swine at night with a
11 weapon and with dogs.

12 (d) A person may use any of the following while
13 hunting feral swine at night:

14 (1) A light which is carried on the person of a
15 hunter, affixed to a helmet or hat worn by a hunter, or part
16 of a belt system worn by a hunter.

17 (2) A bow or gun that has a light source attached
18 that is capable of casting a beam of light, such as a laser
19 sight, forward of the bow or gun.

20 (3) Equipment that uses electronics to increase the
21 ability to see in the dark, such as night vision equipment.

22 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
23 first day of the third month following its passage and
24 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.