- 1 HB458
- 2 210408-2
- 3 By Representatives Crawford, Ingram, Faust, Easterbrook and
- 4 Hanes
- 5 RFD: Agriculture and Forestry
- 6 First Read: 25-FEB-21

1	<u>ENGROSSED</u>
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4	A BILL
5	TO BE ENTITLED
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8	Relating to hunting; to amend Section 9-11-235, Code
9	of Alabama 1975, to provide exceptions to existing law
10	prohibiting certain types of hunting when done at nighttime,
11	with an appropriate license, for certain kinds of animals; and
12	in connection therewith would have as its purpose or effect
13	the requirement of a new or increased expenditure of local
14	funds within the meaning of Amendment 621 of the Constitution
15	of Alabama of 1901, as amended by Amendment 890, now appearing
16	as Section 111.05 of the Official Recompilation of the
17	Constitution of Alabama of 1901.
18	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:
19	Section 1. Section 9-11-235, Code of Alabama 1975,
20	is amended to read as follows:
21	<b>"</b> §9-11-235.
22	"(a) It shall be unlawful, except as otherwise
23	provided by law or rule of the commissioner, for a person to
24	take, capture, or kill, or attempt to take, capture, or kill
25	any bird or animal protected by the laws of this state during
26	nighttime hours.

"(b) Any person violating this section shall be guilty of a Class B misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished for the first offense by a fine of not less than two thousand dollars (\$2,000) nor more than three thousand dollars (\$3,000) and may be imprisoned in the county jail for a period not to exceed six months. In addition, the court shall revoke all hunting license privileges for a period of three years from the date of conviction.

"(c) (1) This section shall not apply to an individual hunting feral swine or coyotes during nighttime hours on privately owned or leased lands during the specified special nighttime feral swine and coyote hunting season dates if the individual has purchased, and is in possession of, a nighttime feral swine and coyote hunting license issued by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources as follows:

"a. Any individual hunting feral swine or coyotes during the special nighttime feral swine and coyote season shall purchase the nighttime feral swine and coyote hunting license. The nighttime feral swine and coyote license does not include any other license privilege provided by Sections 9-11-44, 9-11-46, 9-11-47, 9-11-48, 9-11-49, 9-11-65, or 9-11-65.2, or the wildlife heritage license, all of which do not include privileges for hunting feral swine and coyotes during nighttime hours.

"b. The annual resident nighttime feral swine and coyote hunting license fee is fourteen dollars (\$14), plus an issuance fee of one dollar (\$1).

1	"c. The annual nonresident nighttime feral swine and
2	coyote hunting license fee is fifty dollars (\$50), plus an
3	issuance fee of one dollar (\$1).
4	"d. A person who possesses a 100 Percent Physically
5	Disabled Resident Hunting License or a 100 Percent Disabled
6	Military Veteran's Appreciation Hunting License may obtain an
7	annual resident nighttime feral swine and coyote hunting
8	license by paying the issuance fee of one dollar (\$1).
9	"(2) The fees provided for in this section are
10	subject to adjustment as provided in Section 9-11-68.
11	"(3) A special nighttime feral swine and coyote
12	hunting license required by this subsection shall be procured
13	in the same manner as an annual hunting license, with the
14	issuance fee for the nighttime feral swine and coyote hunting
15	license paid to and retained by the issuing office or agency.
16	"(4) An individual who is exempt from purchasing a
17	hunting license is not exempt from the requirement to purchase
18	a nighttime feral swine and coyote hunting season license
19	pursuant to this section."
20	Section 2. Although this bill would have as its
21	purpose or effect the requirement of a new or increased
22	expenditure of local funds, the bill is excluded from further
23	requirements and application under Amendment 621, as amended
24	by Amendment 890, now appearing as Section 111.05 of the
25	Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901,
26	as amended, because the bill defines a new crime or amends the

definition of an existing crime.

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Section 3. This act shall become effective on the first day of the third month following its passage and approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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3	House of Representatives
4 5 6 7 8	Read for the first time and referred to the House of Representatives committee on Agriculture and Forestry
9 10 11	Read for the second time and placed on the calendar 1 amendment 04-MAR-21
12 13 14	Read for the third time and passed as amended
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