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SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, the violation of any rule of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources prohibiting the transportation and release of live feral swine is a Class B misdemeanor punishable as provided by law except the offense is subject to a minimum fine of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500).

This bill would delete the transportation of live feral swine from the specified criminal penalties of this law.

The bill would also specify that the transportation of live feral swine would not be a criminal offense.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources; to amend Section 9-11-72 of the Code of

1 Alabama 1975, providing specified criminal penalties for the
2 violation of a rule of the department prohibiting the
3 transportation and release of live feral swine; to delete
4 provisions providing specified criminal penalties for the
5 transportation of live feral swine; and to provide that the
6 transportation of live feral swine would not be a criminal
7 offense.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

9 Section 1. Section 9-11-72 of the Code of Alabama
10 1975, is amended to read as follows:

11 "§9-11-72.

12 "A violation of any rule of the Department of
13 Conservation and Natural Resources prohibiting the
14 ~~transportation~~ and release of live feral swine shall be a
15 Class B misdemeanor punishable as provided by law, except the
16 defendant shall be subject to a mandatory minimum fine of not
17 less than two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500).

18 Section 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of
19 law, the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources may
20 not prohibit the transportation of live feral swine, and the
21 transportation of live feral swine shall not be a criminal
22 offense.

23 Section 3. This act shall become effective
24 immediately following its passage and approval by the
25 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.