

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **78th General Assembly**
3 **Regular Session, 1991**
4 **By: Representative Forgey**

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7 **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

8 REQUESTING A STUDY BY THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE ON
9 AGRICULTURE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ON THE LAWS
10 CONCERNING FERAL HOGS TO DETERMINE WHETHER THESE LAWS NEED
11 TO BE REVISED.

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14 WHEREAS, the existing state law clearly defines feral hogs as domestic
15 and outlines all elements of its existence in regard to free roaming, strays
16 and posting of notification for rightful ownership; and

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18 WHEREAS, there is growing concern among land, wildlife, and forest
19 managers, the state's livestock industry, and the scientific community
20 concerning the potential negative impacts of wild hog populations on human and
21 livestock disease transmission, agricultural crops, wildlife and wildlife food
22 resources, reforestation and natural plant communities; and

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24 WHEREAS, free roaming feral hogs have caused and continue to cause
25 depredation problems on certain forest tree seedlings, agricultural crops,
26 rangelands, lawns, golf courses, and disruption to natural plant communities
27 through rooting, wallowing and trailing; and

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29 WHEREAS, the sportsman's presence in wildlife areas of the state, in
30 search of feral hogs has caused and will continue to generate numerous legal
31 questions in regard to direct violations of existing wildlife regulations and
32 the antiquated state laws governing feral hogs; and

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34 WHEREAS, the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, through Amendment 35 to
35 the Arkansas Constitution, has stewardship obligations to minimize wildlife

1 related conflicts, damages and hazards in the area of public and domestic
2 animal health and welfare.

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5 NOW THEREFORE,

6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SEVENTY-EIGHTH GENERAL
7 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

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9 THAT the Joint Interim Committee on Agriculture and Economic Development
10 conduct a study on the laws concerning feral hogs and undertake efforts to
11 modernize these outdated laws by repealing or amending them.

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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the committee report its findings prior to
14 the convening of the 79th Regular Session of the Arkansas General Assembly.

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