

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

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7 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

8 ENCOURAGING THE ARKANSAS GAME AND FISH COMMISSION TO
9 STRICTLY ENFORCE ALL GAME AND FISH REGULATIONS TO PREVENT
10 DAMAGE TO THE PRIVATE PROPERTY OF ARKANSAS LIVESTOCK
11 OWNERS AND ASKING THE COMMISSION TO COOPERATE WITH THE
12 SHERIFFS OF ALL ARKANSAS COUNTIES TO ENFORCE THE CRIMINAL
13 LAWS AGAINST THE THEFT OF PROPERTY.

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15 WHEREAS, Arkansas cattlemen and livestock owners of all kinds have had
16 cattle and other livestock injured and killed by night hunters and other
17 random violators of the game laws of the State of Arkansas resulting in a
18 substantial financial loss to the cattlemen and livestock owners of Arkansas;
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21 WHEREAS, each year Arkansas cattlemen and other livestock owners suffer
22 severe damages as a result of random vandalism to farm and ranch property and
23 are victims to huge losses as the result of theft of property and livestock;
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26 WHEREAS, the largest portions of these crimes are committed in the rural
27 areas of Arkansas where the county sheriffs and the Arkansas Game and Fish
28 Commission game wardens make up the largest presence of law enforcement; and

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30 WHEREAS, the Arkansas Game and Fish regulations and the Arkansas
31 Criminal Code provide for severe criminal penalties for the violation of the
32 game and fish laws and for theft of property which is livestock,

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34 NOW THEREFORE,

35 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SEVENTY-EIGHTH GENERAL

1 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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3 **THAT** the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission is encouraged to strictly
4 enforce all game laws and regulations to prevent the unnecessary injury and
5 death of cattle and other livestock and to seek to prosecute any violators to
6 the fullest extent of the law and regulations; and

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8 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission be
9 encouraged to cooperate to the fullest extent possible with all the county
10 sheriffs of Arkansas to seek to enforce all laws in the rural areas of the
11 State against any random acts of vandalism or theft of farm or ranch property
12 or livestock.

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