A Bill

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO PROTECT PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNERS AND LESSEES WHO CAPTURE A FERAL HOG ON PRIVATE PROPERTY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO PROTECT PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNERS AND LESSEES WHO CAPTURE A FERAL HOG ON PRIVATE PROPERTY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 2-38-502(c), concerning capturing and killing feral hogs, is amended to read as follows:

(c) A feral hog captured by any means under subsection (a) of this section shall be immediately:

(1)(A) Killed.

(B) If a feral hog is captured on private property and not moved from the private property, the landowner or a lessee is not required to kill the feral hog immediately; or

(2)(A) Permanently identified by eartag approved by the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission and transported to a terminal facility that is certified by the commission.

(B) The commission shall adopt regulations for the issuance of a certification permit for a terminal facility and the requirements for inspection of a terminal facility.

(C) A terminal facility shall:

(i) Maintain a record of each feral hog purchased,
including without limitation the:

(a) Name of the seller;
(b) Date of the purchase;
(c) Number of feral hogs purchased; and
(d) Eartag number issued for each feral hog purchased; and

(ii) Comply with all swine regulations promulgated rules adopted by the commission.

(D) As used in this subsection, “terminal facility” means a facility for the containment of domestic and feral hogs that requires that a hog be killed before leaving the facility.

(E) A feral hog shall not be released into the wild under any circumstances.

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