

HOUSE BILL NO. 2755

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE POGUE.

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 252, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to protections against feral hogs.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 252, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 252.033, to read as follows:

252.033. 1. As used in this section, the following terms mean:

(1) "Department", the department of conservation;

(2) "Fence", a fence consisting of at least the following properties:

(a) Twelve-gauge woven or high-tensile woven wire;

(b) Fence posts of a minimum of eight feet high and of sufficient strength and placement to maintain fence integrity;

(c) Eight feet high for its entire length;

(d) Topped with one strand of electrified wire;

(e) An additional two feet buried and angled underground toward the enclosure interior; and

(f) If two or more fences are combined one above the other, the fences shall be overlapped at least six inches and firmly attached to each other at intervals of no greater than three feet or combined and firmly attached to each other at intervals of no greater than twelve inches;

(3) "Feral hog", any Russian or European wild boar or other hog that is not conspicuously identified by ear tags or other forms of identification and is roaming freely upon public or private lands without the landowner's permission;

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

18 (4) "State land", any tract of real property owned or leased by the state on which
19 feral hogs reside or frequently appear.

20 2. The department shall construct a fence around all state land to protect adjacent
21 property owners from damage caused by feral hogs on state land.

22 3. (1) The department shall clear the fence right-of-way of all woody vegetation for
23 a minimum distance of six feet on the outside and inside of the fence.

24 (2) The department shall fell all dead trees on state land with a height greater than
25 the distance to the fence.

26 4. Gates shall be locked, latched, and constructed to meet or exceed the standards
27 of the fence.

28 5. Water gaps and stream crossings shall be constructed and maintained in a
29 condition to prevent ingress and egress of feral hogs at all times.

30 6. If topographic, natural, or other conditions exist that enable cervids to pass
31 through, under, or over the fence, the department shall supplement the fence with
32 additional stronger or higher fence posts, special grading, additional fencing, or other
33 measures to prevent ingress and egress of feral hogs at all times.

34 7. The department shall maintain all fencing in a condition to prevent ingress and
35 egress of feral hogs at all times.

36 8. The department shall construct secondary fencing to prevent direct contact with
37 the public. A secondary fence and the right-of-way for a secondary fence shall meet or
38 exceed the same standards for a primary fence constructed under this section.

39 9. The department may substitute a fence of equivalent or greater strength and
40 design to prevent the escape of feral hogs.

41 10. No moneys shall be appropriated nor shall any appropriated moneys be used
42 for any fencing constructed under this section.

43 11. The department shall not increase any permit fees to provide moneys for the
44 fencing required under this section.

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