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**A BILL**

To amend sections 901.43, 942.01, 942.02, 943.23, 1  
943.26, 1531.01, 1533.01, 1533.731, 1533.99, and 2  
4745.01; to amend, for the purpose of adopting a 3  
new section number as indicated in parentheses, 4  
section 942.13 (942.05); to enact new sections 5  
942.03 and 942.04 and sections 1533.75 and 6  
1533.751; and to repeal sections 942.03, 942.04, 7  
942.05, 942.06, 942.07, 942.10, 942.11, 942.12, 8  
and 942.99 of the Revised Code to prohibit 9  
certain activities regarding garbage-fed swine, 10  
feral swine, and wild boar. 11

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That sections 901.43, 942.01, 942.02, 943.23, 12  
943.26, 1531.01, 1533.01, 1533.731, 1533.99, and 4745.01 be 13  
amended; section 942.13 (942.05) be amended for the purpose of 14  
adopting a new section number as indicated in parentheses; and 15  
new sections 942.03 and 942.04 and sections 1533.75 and 1533.751 16  
of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows: 17

**Sec. 901.43.** (A) The director of agriculture may authorize 18

any department of agriculture laboratory to perform a laboratory 19  
service for any person, organization, political subdivision, 20  
state agency, federal agency, or other entity, whether public or 21  
private. The director shall adopt and enforce rules to provide 22  
for the rendering of a laboratory service. 23

(B) The director may charge a reasonable fee for the 24  
performance of a laboratory service, except when the service is 25  
performed on an official sample taken by the director acting 26  
pursuant to Title IX, Chapter 3715., or Chapter 3717. of the 27  
Revised Code; by a board of health acting as the licensor of 28  
retail food establishments or food service operations under 29  
Chapter 3717. of the Revised Code; or by the director of health 30  
acting as the licensor of food service operations under Chapter 31  
3717. of the Revised Code. The director of agriculture shall 32  
adopt rules specifying what constitutes an official sample. 33

The director shall publish a list of laboratory services 34  
offered, together with the fee for each service. 35

(C) The director may enter into a contract with any 36  
person, organization, political subdivision, state agency, 37  
federal agency, or other entity for the provision of a 38  
laboratory service. 39

(D) (1) The director may adopt rules establishing standards 40  
for accreditation of laboratories and laboratory services and in 41  
doing so may adopt by reference existing or recognized standards 42  
or practices. 43

(2) The director may inspect and accredit laboratories and 44  
laboratory services, and may charge a reasonable fee for the 45  
inspections and accreditation. 46

(E) (1) There is hereby created in the state treasury the 47

animal and consumer protection laboratory fund. Moneys from the 48  
following sources shall be deposited into the state treasury to 49  
the credit of the fund: all moneys collected by the director 50  
under this section that are from fees generated by a laboratory 51  
service performed by the department and related to the diseases 52  
of animals, all moneys so collected that are from fees generated 53  
for the inspection and accreditation of laboratories and 54  
laboratory services related to the diseases of animals, all 55  
moneys collected by the director under this section that are 56  
from fees generated by a laboratory service performed by the 57  
consumer protection laboratory, all moneys so collected that are 58  
from fees generated for the inspection and accreditation of 59  
laboratories and laboratory services not related to weights and 60  
measures, money received by the director under sections 947.01 61  
to 947.06 of the Revised Code, and all moneys collected under 62  
Chapters ~~942.7~~, ~~943.7~~ and 953. of the Revised Code. The director 63  
may use the moneys held in the fund to pay the expenses 64  
necessary to operate the animal industry laboratory and the 65  
consumer protection laboratory, including the purchase of 66  
supplies and equipment. 67

(2) All moneys collected by the director under this 68  
section that are from fees generated by a laboratory service 69  
performed by the weights and measures laboratory, and all moneys 70  
so collected that are from fees generated for the inspection and 71  
accreditation of laboratories and laboratory services related to 72  
weights and measures, shall be deposited in the state treasury 73  
to the credit of the weights and measures laboratory fund, which 74  
is hereby created in the state treasury. The moneys held in the 75  
fund may be used to pay the expenses necessary to operate the 76  
division of weights and measures, including the purchase of 77  
supplies and equipment. 78

**Sec. 942.01.** As used in sections 942.01 to ~~942.13~~942.05 79  
of the Revised Code: 80

~~(A) "Conveyance" means a vehicle, trailer, or compartment 81  
that is used to transport raw rendering material. 82~~

~~(B)~~"Garbage" means all waste material derived in whole or 83  
in part from the meat of any animal, including fish and poultry, 84  
or other animal material, and other refuse of any character that 85  
has been associated with such waste material resulting from the 86  
handling, preparation, cooking, or consumption of food. 87

~~(C)~~(B)"Person" means any individual, corporation, 88  
partnership, association, society, company, firm, or other legal 89  
entity. 90

~~(D)~~(C)"Raw rendering material" has the same meaning as 91  
in section 953.21 of the Revised Code. 92

~~(E)~~(D)"Treated garbage" means any edible garbage for 93  
consumption by swine that has been heated at boiling point while 94  
being agitated, except in steam cooking equipment, to ensure 95  
that the garbage is heated throughout for thirty minutes ~~under 96  
the supervision of a person licensed pursuant to section 942.02 97  
of the Revised Code. 98~~

**Sec. 942.02.** (A) No person shall feed on the person's 99  
premises, or permit the feeding of, garbage or treated garbage 100  
to swine ~~without a license to do so issued by the department of 101  
agriculture. 102~~

(B) ~~An application for a license to feed treated garbage 103  
shall be made in writing on a form prescribed by the director of 104  
agriculture~~No person shall bring into this state a swine that 105  
has been fed garbage or treated garbage. 106

~~(C) A license shall be renewed before the thirty first day of December of each year, and an application for renewal shall be filed before the thirtieth day of November of each year.~~ 107  
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~~(D) The fee for the license shall be one hundred dollars per annum. A late fee of fifty dollars shall be paid for each application that is received after the thirtieth day of November each year.~~ 110  
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~~(E) All money collected under this section shall be credited to the animal and consumer protection laboratory fund created in section 901.43 of the Revised Code.~~ 114  
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Sec. 942.03. (A) Upon receipt of a complaint or on the director of agriculture's own initiative, the director may investigate violations of section 942.02 of the Revised Code and make inquiries into any alleged violations as are necessary to secure compliance with this chapter and orders issued under it. 117  
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(B) With the consent of the owner of a premises, lessee of a premises, or the owner, keeper, or harborer of a swine that is kept or harbored on a premises, the director or the director's authorized representative may enter at all reasonable times on any premises where swine are kept or harbored for the purpose of determining compliance with section 942.02 of the Revised Code. If the director or the director's authorized representative is denied access to the premises and suspects that section 942.02 of the Revised Code is not being complied with, the director may apply for a search warrant authorizing access from a court of competent jurisdiction. The court shall issue the search warrant if there is probable cause. Probable cause may be based on hearsay, provided that there is substantial basis for believing the source is credible and there is factual basis for the information. 122  
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(C) Upon entering a premises in accordance with division 137  
(B) of this section, the director or the director's authorized 138  
representative shall observe biosecurity measures in order to 139  
prevent spreading disease and infecting livestock. 140

**Sec. 942.04.** (A) The director of agriculture may assess a 141  
civil penalty against a person that violates section 942.02 of 142  
the Revised Code. The director may assess a civil penalty only 143  
if the director affords the person an opportunity for an 144  
adjudication hearing under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. The 145  
person may waive the right to an adjudication hearing. 146

(B) If the opportunity for an adjudication hearing is 147  
waived or if, after an adjudication hearing, the director 148  
determines that a violation has occurred or is occurring, the 149  
director may issue an order requiring compliance with section 150  
942.02 of the Revised Code and assess the civil penalty. The 151  
order and assessment of the civil penalty may be appealed in 152  
accordance with section 119.12 of the Revised Code. 153

(C) The director may assess a civil penalty for a 154  
violation of section 942.02 of the Revised Code in the following 155  
amounts: 156

(1) For a first violation, not more than five hundred 157  
dollars; 158

(2) For each subsequent violation, not more than one 159  
thousand dollars. 160

(D) Money collected under division (C) of this section 161  
shall be credited to the animal and consumer protection fund 162  
created in section 943.26 of the Revised Code. 163

**Sec. 942.13 942.05.** This chapter does not apply to either 164  
of the following: 165

(A) An individual who feeds garbage from the individual's household to the individual's own animals or an individual who only feeds bakery waste, candy waste, eggs, vegetables, or dairy products to swine;

(B) Rendered products. As used in this division, "rendered product" means raw rendering material that has been ground and heated to a minimum temperature of two hundred thirty degrees Fahrenheit to make products such as animal, poultry, or fish protein, grease, or tallow.

**Sec. 943.23.** (A) A captive whitetail deer licensee shall comply with the requirements established in sections 943.20 to 943.26 of the Revised Code and in rules. The director of agriculture may suspend or revoke a license issued under section 943.03 or 943.031 of the Revised Code regarding monitored captive deer, captive deer with status, or captive deer with certified chronic wasting disease status if the licensee fails to comply with those requirements.

(B) (1) The director, after providing an opportunity for an adjudication hearing under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, may assess a civil penalty against a person who has violated or is in violation of section 943.20 of the Revised Code. If the director assesses a civil penalty, the director shall do so as follows:

(a) If, within five years of the violation, the director has not previously assessed a civil penalty against the person under this section, in an amount not exceeding five hundred dollars;

(b) If, within five years of the violation, the director has previously assessed one civil penalty against the person

under this section, in an amount not exceeding two thousand five hundred dollars; 195  
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(c) If, within five years of the violation, the director has previously assessed two or more civil penalties against the person under this section, in an amount not exceeding ten thousand dollars. 197  
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(2) Money collected under division (B) (1) of this section shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the ~~captive deer animal and consumer protection~~ fund created in section 943.26 of the Revised Code. 201  
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**Sec. 943.26.** Notwithstanding section 943.04 of the Revised Code, all money collected through the issuance of licenses to captive whitetail deer licensees under this chapter and all money collected under section 942.04 of the Revised Code shall be credited to the ~~captive deer animal and consumer protection~~ fund, which is hereby created in the state treasury. The director of agriculture shall use money in the fund to administer Chapter 942. and sections 943.20 to 943.26 of the Revised Code and rules. 205  
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**Sec. 1531.01.** As used in this chapter and Chapter 1533. of the Revised Code: 214  
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(A) "Person" means a person as defined in section 1.59 of the Revised Code or a company; an employee, agent, or officer of such a person or company; a combination of individuals; the state; a political subdivision of the state; an interstate body created by a compact; or the federal government or a department, agency, or instrumentality of it. 216  
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(B) "Resident" means either of the following: 222

(1) An individual who has resided in this state for not 223



less than six months preceding the date of making application	224
for a license or permit;	225
(2) An individual who is a full-time student enrolled in	226
an accredited Ohio public or private college or university and	227
who resides in this state at the time the individual makes	228
application for a license or permit and who attests to the	229
individual's full-time student status in a manner determined by	230
the chief of the division of wildlife.	231
(C) "Nonresident" means any individual who does not	232
qualify as a resident.	233
(D) "Division rule" or "rule" means any rule adopted by	234
the chief of the division of wildlife under section 1531.10 of	235
the Revised Code unless the context indicates otherwise.	236
(E) "Closed season" means that period of time during which	237
the taking of wild animals protected by this chapter and Chapter	238
1533. of the Revised Code is prohibited.	239
(F) "Open season" means that period of time during which	240
the taking of wild animals protected by this chapter and Chapter	241
1533. of the Revised Code is permitted.	242
(G) "Take or taking" includes pursuing, shooting, hunting,	243
killing, trapping, angling, fishing with a trotline, or netting	244
any clam, mussel, crayfish, aquatic insect, fish, frog, turtle,	245
wild bird, or wild quadruped, and any lesser act, such as	246
wounding, or placing, setting, drawing, or using any other	247
device for killing or capturing any wild animal, whether it	248
results in killing or capturing the animal or not. "Take or	249
taking" includes every attempt to kill or capture and every act	250
of assistance to any other person in killing or capturing or	251
attempting to kill or capture a wild animal.	252

(H) "Possession" means both actual and constructive possession and any control of things referred to.	253 254
(I) "Bag limit" means the number, measurement, or weight of any kind of crayfish, aquatic insects, fish, frogs, turtles, wild birds, and wild quadrupeds permitted to be taken.	255 256 257
(J) "Transport and transportation" means carrying or moving or causing to be carried or moved.	258 259
(K) "Sell and sale" means barter, exchange, or offer or expose for sale.	260 261
(L) "Whole to include part" means that every provision relating to any wild animal protected by this chapter and Chapter 1533. of the Revised Code applies to any part of the wild animal with the same effect as it applies to the whole.	262 263 264 265
(M) "Angling" means fishing with not more than two hand lines, not more than two units of rod and line, or a combination of not more than one hand line and one rod and line, either in hand or under control at any time while fishing. The hand line or rod and line shall have attached to it not more than three baited hooks, not more than three artificial fly rod lures, or one artificial bait casting lure equipped with not more than three sets of three hooks each.	266 267 268 269 270 271 272 273
(N) "Trotline" means a device for catching fish that consists of a line having suspended from it, at frequent intervals, vertical lines with hooks attached.	274 275 276
(O) "Fish" means a cold-blooded vertebrate having fins.	277
(P) "Measurement of fish" means length from the end of the nose to the longest tip or end of the tail.	278 279
(Q) "Wild birds" includes game birds and nongame birds.	280

(R) "Game" includes game birds, game quadrupeds, and fur-bearing animals.	281 282
(S) "Game birds" includes mourning doves, ringneck pheasants, bobwhite quail, ruffed grouse, sharp-tailed grouse, pinnated grouse, wild turkey, Hungarian partridge, Chukar partridge, woodcocks, black-breasted plover, golden plover, Wilson's snipe or jacksnipe, greater and lesser yellowlegs, rail, coots, gallinules, duck, geese, brant, and crows.	283 284 285 286 287 288
(T) "Nongame birds" includes all other wild birds not included and defined as game birds or migratory game birds.	289 290
(U) "Wild quadrupeds" includes game quadrupeds <del>and</del> , <u>fur-bearing animals, and wild boar or feral swine.</u>	291 292
(V) "Game quadrupeds" includes cottontail rabbits, gray squirrels, black squirrels, fox squirrels, red squirrels, flying squirrels, chipmunks, groundhogs or woodchucks, white-tailed deer, <del>wild bear,</del> elk, and black bears.	293 294 295 296
(W) "Fur-bearing animals" includes minks, weasels, raccoons, skunks, opossums, muskrats, fox, beavers, badgers, otters, coyotes, and bobcats.	297 298 299
(X) "Wild animals" includes mollusks, crustaceans, aquatic insects, fish, reptiles, amphibians, wild birds, wild quadrupeds, and all other wild mammals, but does not include domestic deer.	300 301 302 303
(Y) "Hunting" means pursuing, shooting, killing, following after or on the trail of, lying in wait for, shooting at, or wounding wild birds or wild quadrupeds while employing any device commonly used to kill or wound wild birds or wild quadrupeds whether or not the acts result in killing or wounding. "Hunting" includes every attempt to kill or wound and	304 305 306 307 308 309

every act of assistance to any other person in killing or 310  
wounding or attempting to kill or wound wild birds or wild 311  
quadrupeds. 312

(Z) "Trapping" means securing or attempting to secure 313  
possession of a wild bird or wild quadruped by means of setting, 314  
placing, drawing, or using any device that is designed to close 315  
upon, hold fast, confine, or otherwise capture a wild bird or 316  
wild quadruped whether or not the means results in capture. 317  
"Trapping" includes every act of assistance to any other person 318  
in capturing wild birds or wild quadrupeds by means of the 319  
device whether or not the means results in capture. 320

(AA) "Muskrat spear" means any device used in spearing 321  
muskrats. 322

(BB) "Channels and passages" means those narrow bodies of 323  
water lying between islands or between an island and the 324  
mainland in Lake Erie. 325

(CC) "Island" means a rock or land elevation above the 326  
waters of Lake Erie having an area of five or more acres above 327  
water. 328

(DD) "Reef" means an elevation of rock, either broken or 329  
in place, or gravel shown by the latest United States chart to 330  
be above the common level of the surrounding bottom of the lake, 331  
other than the rock bottom, or in place forming the base or 332  
foundation rock of an island or mainland and sloping from the 333  
shore of it. "Reef" also means all elevations shown by that 334  
chart to be above the common level of the sloping base or 335  
foundation rock of an island or mainland, whether running from 336  
the shore of an island or parallel with the contour of the shore 337  
of an island or in any other way and whether formed by rock, 338

broken or in place, or from gravel.	339
(EE) "Fur farm" means any area used exclusively for	340
raising fur-bearing animals or in addition thereto used for	341
hunting game, the boundaries of which are plainly marked as	342
such.	343
(FF) "Waters" includes any lake, pond, reservoir, stream,	344
channel, lagoon, or other body of water, or any part thereof,	345
whether natural or artificial.	346
(GG) "Crib" or "car" refers to that particular compartment	347
of the net from which the fish are taken when the net is lifted.	348
(HH) "Commercial fish" means those species of fish	349
permitted to be taken, possessed, bought, or sold unless	350
otherwise restricted by the Revised Code or division rule and	351
are alewife ( <i>Alosa pseudoharengus</i> ), American eel ( <i>Anguilla</i>	352
<i>rostrata</i> ), bowfin ( <i>Amia calva</i> ), burbot ( <i>Lota lota</i> ), carp	353
( <i>Cyprinus carpio</i> ), smallmouth buffalo ( <i>Ictiobus bubalus</i> ),	354
bigmouth buffalo ( <i>Ictiobus cyprinellus</i> ), black bullhead	355
( <i>Ictalurus melas</i> ), yellow bullhead ( <i>Ictalurus natalis</i> ), brown	356
bullhead ( <i>Ictalurus nebulosus</i> ), channel catfish ( <i>Ictalurus</i>	357
<i>punctatus</i> ), flathead catfish ( <i>Pylodictis olivaris</i> ), whitefish	358
( <i>Coregonus</i> sp.), cisco ( <i>Coregonus</i> sp.), freshwater drum or	359
sheepshead ( <i>Aplodinotus grunniens</i> ), gar ( <i>Lepisosteus</i> sp.),	360
gizzard shad ( <i>Dorosoma cepedianum</i> ), goldfish ( <i>Carassius</i>	361
<i>auratus</i> ), lake trout ( <i>Salvelinus namaycush</i> ), mooneye ( <i>Hiodon</i>	362
<i>tergisus</i> ), quillback ( <i>Carpionodes cyprinus</i> ), smelt ( <i>Allosmerus</i>	363
<i>elongatus</i> , <i>Hypomesus</i> sp., <i>Osmerus</i> sp., <i>Spirinchus</i> sp.), sturgeon	364
( <i>Acipenser</i> sp., <i>Scaphirhynchus</i> sp.), sucker other than buffalo	365
and quillback ( <i>Carpionodes</i> sp., <i>Catostomus</i> sp., <i>Hypentelium</i> sp.,	366
<i>Minytrema</i> sp., <i>Moxostoma</i> sp.), white bass ( <i>Morone chrysops</i> ),	367
white perch ( <i>Roccus americanus</i> ), and yellow perch ( <i>Perca</i>	368

flavescens). When the common name of a fish is used in this 369  
chapter or Chapter 1533. of the Revised Code, it refers to the 370  
fish designated by the scientific name in this definition. 371

(II) "Fishing" means taking or attempting to take fish by 372  
any method, and all other acts such as placing, setting, 373  
drawing, or using any device commonly used to take fish whether 374  
resulting in a taking or not. 375

(JJ) "Fillet" means the pieces of flesh taken or cut from 376  
both sides of a fish, joined to form one piece of flesh. 377

(KK) "Part fillet" means a piece of flesh taken or cut 378  
from one side of a fish. 379

(LL) "Round" when used in describing fish means with head 380  
and tail intact. 381

(MM) "Migrate" means the transit or movement of fish to or 382  
from one place to another as a result of natural forces or 383  
instinct and includes, but is not limited to, movement of fish 384  
induced or caused by changes in the water flow. 385

(NN) "Spreader bar" means a brail or rigid bar placed 386  
across the entire width of the back, at the top and bottom of 387  
the cars in all trap, crib, and fyke nets for the purpose of 388  
keeping the meshes hanging squarely while the nets are fishing. 389

(OO) "Fishing guide" means any person who, for 390  
consideration or hire, operates a boat, rents, leases, or 391  
otherwise furnishes angling devices, ice fishing shanties or 392  
shelters of any kind, or other fishing equipment, and 393  
accompanies, guides, directs, or assists any other person in 394  
order for the other person to engage in fishing. 395

(PP) "Net" means fishing devices with meshes composed of 396

twine or synthetic material and includes, but is not limited to, 397  
trap nets, fyke nets, crib nets, carp aprons, dip nets, and 398  
seines, except minnow seines and minnow dip nets. 399

(QQ) "Commercial fishing gear" means seines, trap nets, 400  
fyke nets, dip nets, carp aprons, trotlines, other similar gear, 401  
and any boat used in conjunction with that gear, but does not 402  
include gill nets. 403

(RR) "Native wildlife" means any species of the animal 404  
kingdom indigenous to this state. 405

(SS) "Gill net" means a single section of fabric or 406  
netting seamed to a float line at the top and a lead line at the 407  
bottom, which is designed to entangle fish in the net openings 408  
as they swim into it. 409

(TT) "Tag fishing tournament" means a contest in which a 410  
participant pays a fee, or gives other valuable consideration, 411  
for a chance to win a prize by virtue of catching a tagged or 412  
otherwise specifically marked fish within a limited period of 413  
time. 414

(UU) "Tenant" means an individual who resides on land for 415  
which the individual pays rent and whose annual income is 416  
primarily derived from agricultural production conducted on that 417  
land, as "agricultural production" is defined in section 929.01 418  
of the Revised Code. 419

(VV) "Nonnative wildlife" means any wild animal not 420  
indigenous to this state, but does not include domestic deer. 421

(WW) "Reptiles" includes common musk turtle (*sternotherus* 422  
*odoratus*), common snapping turtle (*Chelydra serpentina* 423  
*serpentina*), spotted turtle (*Clemmys guttata*), eastern box 424  
turtle (*Terrapene carolina carolina*), Blanding's turtle 425

( <i>Emydoidea blandingii</i> ), common map turtle ( <i>Graptemys</i>	426
<i>geographica</i> ), ouachita map turtle ( <i>Graptemys pseudogeographica</i>	427
<i>ouachitensis</i> ), midland painted turtle ( <i>Chrysemys picta</i>	428
<i>marginata</i> ), red-eared slider ( <i>Trachemys scripta elegans</i> ),	429
eastern spiny softshell turtle ( <i>Apalone spinifera spinifera</i> ),	430
midland smooth softshell turtle ( <i>Apalone mutica mutica</i> ),	431
northern fence lizard ( <i>Sceloporus undulatus hyacinthinus</i> ),	432
ground skink ( <i>Scincella lateralis</i> ), five-lined skink ( <i>Eumeces</i>	433
<i>fasciatus</i> ), broadhead skink ( <i>Eumeces laticeps</i> ), northern coal	434
skink ( <i>Eumeces anthracinus anthracinus</i> ), European wall lizard	435
( <i>Podarcis muralis</i> ), queen snake ( <i>Regina septemvittata</i> ),	436
Kirtland's snake ( <i>Clonophis kirtlandii</i> ), northern water snake	437
( <i>Nerodia sipedon sipedon</i> ), Lake Erie watersnake ( <i>Nerodia sipedon</i>	438
<i>insularum</i> ), copperbelly water snake ( <i>Nerodia erythrogaster</i>	439
<i>neglecta</i> ), northern brown snake ( <i>Storeria dekayi dekayi</i> ),	440
midland brown snake ( <i>Storeria dekayi wrightorum</i> ), northern	441
redbelly snake ( <i>Storeria occipitomaculata occipitomaculata</i> ),	442
eastern garter snake ( <i>Thamnophis sirtalis sirtalis</i> ), eastern	443
plains garter snake ( <i>Thamnophis radix radix</i> ), Butler's garter	444
snake ( <i>Thamnophis butleri</i> ), shorthead garter snake ( <i>Thamnophis</i>	445
<i>brachystoma</i> ), eastern ribbon snake ( <i>Thamnophis sauritus</i>	446
<i>sauritus</i> ), northern ribbon snake ( <i>Thamnophis sauritus</i>	447
<i>septentrionalis</i> ), eastern hognose snake ( <i>Heterodon platirhinos</i> ),	448
eastern smooth earth snake ( <i>Virginia valeriae valeriae</i> ),	449
northern ringneck snake ( <i>Diadophis punctatus edwardsii</i> ), midwest	450
worm snake ( <i>Carphophis amoenus helena</i> ), eastern worm snake	451
( <i>Carphophis amoenus amoenus</i> ), black racer ( <i>Coluber constrictor</i>	452
<i>constrictor</i> ), blue racer ( <i>Coluber constrictor foxii</i> ), rough	453
green snake ( <i>Opheodrys aestivus</i> ), smooth green snake ( <i>Opheodrys</i>	454
<i>vernalis vernalis</i> ), black rat snake ( <i>Elaphe obsoleta obsoleta</i> ),	455
eastern fox snake ( <i>Elaphe vulpina gloydi</i> ), black kingsnake	456
( <i>Lampropeltis getula nigra</i> ), eastern milk snake ( <i>Lampropeltis</i>	457



triangulum triangulum), northern copperhead ( <i>Agkistrodon</i>	458
<i>contortrix mokasen</i> ), eastern massasauga ( <i>Sistrurus catenatus</i>	459
<i>catenatus</i> ), and timber rattlesnake ( <i>Crotalus horridus horridus</i> ).	460
(XX) "Amphibians" includes eastern hellbender	461
( <i>Cryptobranchus alleganiensis alleganiensis</i> ), mudpuppy ( <i>Necturus</i>	462
<i>maculosus maculosus</i> ), red-spotted newt ( <i>Notophthalmus</i>	463
<i>viridescens viridescens</i> ), Jefferson salamander ( <i>Ambystoma</i>	464
<i>jeffersonianum</i> ), spotted salamander ( <i>Ambystoma maculatum</i> ), blue-	465
spotted salamander ( <i>Ambystoma laterale</i> ), smallmouth salamander	466
( <i>Ambystoma texanum</i> ), streamside salamander ( <i>Ambystoma barbouri</i> ),	467
marbled salamander ( <i>Ambystoma opacum</i> ), eastern tiger salamander	468
( <i>Ambystoma tigrinum tigrinum</i> ), northern dusky salamander	469
( <i>Desmognathus fuscus fuscus</i> ), mountain dusky salamander	470
( <i>Desmognathus ochrophaeus</i> ), redback salamander ( <i>Plethodon</i>	471
<i>cinereus</i> ), ravine salamander ( <i>Plethodon richmondi</i> ), northern	472
slimy salamander ( <i>Plethodon glutinosus</i> ), Wehrle's salamander	473
( <i>Plethodon wehrlei</i> ), four-toed salamander ( <i>Hemidactylium</i>	474
<i>scutatum</i> ), Kentucky spring salamander ( <i>Gyrinophilus</i>	475
<i>porphyriticus duryi</i> ), northern spring salamander ( <i>Gyrinophilus</i>	476
<i>porphyriticus porphyriticus</i> ), mud salamander ( <i>Pseudotriton</i>	477
<i>montanus</i> ), northern red salamander ( <i>Pseudotriton ruber ruber</i> ),	478
green salamander ( <i>Aneides aeneus</i> ), northern two-lined salamander	479
( <i>Eurycea bislineata</i> ), longtail salamander ( <i>Eurycea longicauda</i>	480
<i>longicauda</i> ), cave salamander ( <i>Eurycea lucifuga</i> ), southern two-	481
lined salamander ( <i>Eurycea cirrigera</i> ), Fowler's toad ( <i>Bufo</i>	482
<i>woodhousii fowleri</i> ), American toad ( <i>Bufo americanus</i> ), eastern	483
spadefoot ( <i>Scaphiopus holbrookii</i> ), Blanchard's cricket frog	484
( <i>Acris crepitans blanchardi</i> ), northern spring peeper ( <i>Pseudacris</i>	485
<i>crucifer crucifer</i> ), gray treefrog ( <i>Hyla versicolor</i> ), Cope's gray	486
treefrog ( <i>Hyla chrysoscelis</i> ), western chorus frog ( <i>Pseudacris</i>	487
<i>triseriata triseriata</i> ), mountain chorus frog ( <i>Pseudacris</i>	488

brachyphona), bullfrog ( <i>Rana catesbeiana</i> ), green frog ( <i>Rana</i>	489
clamitans melanota), northern leopard frog ( <i>Rana pipiens</i> ),	490
pickerel frog ( <i>Rana palustris</i> ), southern leopard frog ( <i>Rana</i>	491
utricularia), and wood frog ( <i>Rana sylvatica</i> ).	492
(YY) "Deer" means white-tailed deer ( <i>Odocoileus</i>	493
virginianus).	494
(ZZ) "Domestic deer" means nonnative deer that have been	495
legally acquired or their offspring and that are held in private	496
ownership for primarily agricultural purposes.	497
(AAA) "Migratory game bird" includes waterfowl ( <i>Anatidae</i> );	498
doves ( <i>Columbidae</i> ); cranes ( <i>Gruidae</i> ); cormorants	499
( <i>Phalacrocoracidae</i> ); rails, coots, and gallinules ( <i>Rallidae</i> );	500
and woodcock and snipe ( <i>Scolopacidae</i> ).	501
(BBB) "Accompany" means to go along with another person	502
while staying within a distance from the person that enables	503
uninterrupted, unaided visual and auditory communication.	504
(CCC) "All-purpose vehicle" means any vehicle that is	505
designed primarily for cross-country travel on land, water, or	506
land and water and that is steered by wheels, caterpillar	507
treads, or a combination of wheels and caterpillar treads and	508
includes vehicles that operate on a cushion of air, vehicles	509
commonly known as all-terrain vehicles, all-season vehicles,	510
mini-bikes, and trail bikes.	511
(DDD) "Wholly enclosed preserve" means an area of land	512
that is surrounded by a fence that is at least six feet in	513
height, unless otherwise specified in division rule, and is	514
constructed of a woven wire mesh, or another enclosure that the	515
division of wildlife may approve, where game birds, game	516
quadrupeds, reptiles, amphibians, or fur-bearing animals are	517

raised and may be sold under the authority of a commercial 518  
propagating license or captive white-tailed deer propagation 519  
license obtained under section 1533.71 of the Revised Code. 520

(EEE) "Commercial bird shooting preserve" means an area of 521  
land where game birds are released and hunted by shooting as 522  
authorized by a commercial bird shooting preserve license 523  
obtained under section 1533.72 of the Revised Code. 524

(FFF) "Wild animal hunting preserve" means an area of land 525  
where game, captive white-tailed deer, and nonnative wildlife, 526  
other than game birds, are released and hunted as authorized by 527  
a wild animal hunting preserve license obtained under section 528  
1533.721 of the Revised Code. 529

(GGG) "Captive white-tailed deer" means legally acquired 530  
deer that are held in private ownership at a facility licensed 531  
under section 943.03 or 943.031 of the Revised Code and under 532  
section 1533.71 or 1533.721 of the Revised Code. 533

(HHH) "Wild boar" or "feral swine" means either of the 534  
following: 535

(1) Members of the family suidae, including both of the 536  
following: 537

(a) Wild pig, wild hog, feral hog, and feral pig; 538

(b) Old world swine, razorbacks, European wild boar, and 539  
Russian wild boar, and any hybrids or crossbreeds thereof; 540

(2) Members of the family tayassuidae, including collared 541  
peccary and javelina, and any hybrids or crossbreeds of members 542  
of the family tayassuidea. 543

**Sec. 1533.01.** As used in this chapter, "person," 544  
"resident," "nonresident," "division rule," "rule," "closed 545

season," "open season," "take or taking," "possession," "bag 546  
limit," "transport and transportation," "sell and sale," "whole 547  
to include part," "angling," "trotline," "fish," "measurement of 548  
fish," "wild birds," "game," "game birds," "nongame birds," 549  
"wild quadrupeds," "game quadrupeds," "fur-bearing animals," 550  
"wild animals," "hunting," "trapping," "muskrat spear," 551  
"channels and passages," "island," "reef," "fur farm," "waters," 552  
"crib," "car," "commercial fish," "fishing," "fillet," "part 553  
fillet," "round," "migrate," "spreader bar," "fishing guide," 554  
"net," "commercial fishing gear," "native wildlife," "gill net," 555  
"tag fishing tournament," "tenant," "nonnative wildlife," 556  
"reptiles," "amphibians," "deer," "domestic deer," "migratory 557  
game bird," "accompany," "all-purpose vehicle," "wholly enclosed 558  
preserve," "commercial bird shooting preserve," "wild animal 559  
hunting preserve," "wild boar," "feral swine," and "captive 560  
white-tailed deer" have the same meanings as in section 1531.01 561  
of the Revised Code. 562

**Sec. 1533.731.** (A) No wild animal hunting preserve shall 563  
be less than eighty acres in area. Each such preserve shall be 564  
in one continuous block of land, except that the block of land 565  
may be intersected by highways or roads. No wild animal hunting 566  
preserve shall be located within one thousand five hundred feet 567  
of another such preserve. 568

The boundaries of each wild animal hunting preserve shall 569  
be clearly defined by posting, at intervals of not more than 570  
four hundred feet, with signs prescribed by the division of 571  
wildlife. Each wild animal hunting preserve shall be surrounded 572  
by a fence at least eight feet in height, with a minimal 573  
deviation not to exceed four per cent, that is constructed of a 574  
woven wire mesh, or such other enclosure approved by the chief 575  
of the division of wildlife. 576

(B) (1) Except as provided in divisions (B) (2) ~~and~~ (3) ~~and~~ (4) of this section, game and nonnative wildlife that have been approved by the chief for such use and that have been legally acquired or propagated under the authority of a propagating license issued under section 1533.71 of the Revised Code or propagated within the confines of a licensed wild animal hunting preserve may be released and hunted within the confines of the licensed wild animal hunting preserve between one-half hour before sunrise and one-half hour after sunset, without regard to sex, bag limit, or open season, by hunters authorized by the holder of the wild animal hunting preserve license to hunt on those lands. The chief shall establish, by rule, the allowable methods of taking game and nonnative wildlife in a wild animal hunting preserve.

(2) No game or nonnative wildlife on the federal endangered species list established in accordance with the "Endangered Species Act of 1973," 87 Stat. 884, 16 U.S.C.A. 1531, as amended, or the state endangered species list established in rules adopted under section 1531.25 of the Revised Code, no bears native to North America, and no large carnivores of the family Felidae shall be released for hunting or hunted in any wild animal hunting preserve in this state.

(3) No person shall release for hunting or hunt within a wild animal hunting preserve any game or nonnative wildlife not listed in the application for a license for that preserve.

(4) No person shall release for hunting or hunt wild boar or feral swine in any wild animal hunting preserve in this state. A violation of division (B) (4) of this section is a strict liability offense and section 2901.20 of the Revised Code does not apply.

(C) Unless otherwise specified by division rule, all game and nonnative wildlife released on a wild animal hunting preserve shall be identified with a tag that shall bear upon it a symbol identifying the preserve.

(D) No person shall remove living game or nonnative wildlife from a wild animal hunting preserve unless the game or nonnative wildlife are being transferred to another wild animal hunting preserve in accordance with rules adopted by the director of agriculture under section 943.24 of the Revised Code.

(E) The holder of a wild animal hunting preserve license shall keep a record of all animals that have been released into the preserve. The record shall include all of the following:

(1) The date on which each animal was released into the preserve;

(2) The number of each species of animals;

(3) The number of males and females of each species of animals;

(4) The name and address of each person from whom each animal was obtained.

The licensee shall record in a manner specified by the division the name and address of each person that takes any game or nonnative wildlife from the preserve. The licensee shall maintain those records for a period of two years and make them available for inspection by the division at all reasonable times in conjunction with an active criminal investigation.

(F) In addition to complying with the requirements established by division (E) of this section, the holder of a

wild animal hunting preserve license who has captive white-tailed deer in the preserve shall keep a record of all known escapes of those deer, deaths of those deer that were not a result of hunting, and laboratory results for testing for chronic wasting disease of those deer that is required by section 943.21 of the Revised Code and rules adopted under section 943.24 of the Revised Code.

(G) For the purposes of division (B) of section 1533.02 of the Revised Code, the owner or operator of a wild animal hunting preserve shall furnish each person who takes any game or nonnative wildlife from the preserve a certificate bearing a description of the animal, the date the animal was taken, and the name of the preserve.

(H) The holder of a wild animal hunting preserve license prominently shall display the license at the place of business that is specified in the license.

(I) The chief shall adopt rules under section 1531.10 of the Revised Code that provide for the safety of the public and for the protection of the game and nonnative wildlife to be hunted in a wild animal hunting preserve prior to their release in the preserve.

(J) No holder of a wild animal hunting preserve license shall violate this chapter or Chapter 1531. of the Revised Code or any division rule.

(K) This section does not authorize the hunting of game birds in a licensed wild animal hunting preserve unless the licensee also possesses a valid commercial bird shooting preserve license issued under section 1533.72 of the Revised Code for the same land for which the wild animal hunting

preserve license was issued. 664

(L) A person may hunt game and nonnative wildlife in a 665  
licensed wild animal hunting preserve without obtaining a 666  
hunting license otherwise required by section 1533.10 of the 667  
Revised Code or a deer permit otherwise required by section 668  
1533.11 of the Revised Code. 669

Sec. 1533.75. (A) No person shall do any of the following: 670

(1) Import, transport, or possess live wild boar or feral 671  
swine; 672

(2) Release wild boar or feral swine into the wild or 673  
expand the range of a wild boar or feral swine by introducing 674  
the wild boar or feral swine to a new location; 675

(3) Allow a swine that is under the ownership or 676  
possession of the person to live in a feral state; 677

(4) Except as otherwise provided in section 1533.751 of 678  
the Revised Code, hunt, trap, or kill a wild boar or feral swine 679  
or assist in the hunting, trapping, or killing of a wild boar or 680  
feral swine; 681

(5) Profit from the releasing, hunting, trapping, or 682  
killing of wild boar or feral swine; 683

(6) Fail to notify the division of wildlife in accordance 684  
with division (B) of section 1533.751 of the Revised Code. 685

(B) No person shall purposely feed a wild boar or feral 686  
swine. 687

(C) A violation of division (A) of this section is a 688  
strict liability offense and section 2901.20 of the Revised Code 689  
does not apply. 690



Sec. 1533.751. (A) Except as provided in division rules, a 691  
person, including a property owner, tenant, or person 692  
responsible for a property's management, who knows or has reason 693  
to believe a wild boar or feral swine is present on private or 694  
public property shall notify the division of wildlife within 695  
twenty-four hours of the person so knowing or having reason to 696  
believe of the wild boar's or feral swine's presence. 697

(B) Except as provided in division rules, a person or a 698  
person's agent who encounters wild boar or feral swine on 699  
property owned or leased by that person may immediately 700  
eradicate the wild boar or feral swine without a hunting license 701  
required under section 1533.10 of the Revised Code if the person 702  
or agent does both of the following: 703

(1) Notifies the division as soon as practicable, but not 704  
later than twenty-four hours after the eradication or attempted 705  
eradication of the wild boar or feral swine; 706

(2) Follows the instructions provided by the division 707  
including the handling, preservation for testing, and disposal 708  
of any wild boar or feral swine carcass. 709

**Sec. 1533.99.** (A) Whoever violates section 1533.17 of the 710  
Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree on a 711  
first offense and a misdemeanor of the second degree on each 712  
subsequent offense. In addition to any other sanction imposed 713  
under this division, on a second or subsequent offense occurring 714  
within a period of three consecutive years after the date of 715  
conviction of the immediately preceding violation of that 716  
section any firearms or other hunting implements in the 717  
possession or under the control of the offender at the time of 718  
the violation are subject to seizure in accordance with section 719  
1531.20 of the Revised Code. If the offender persists in the 720

offense after reasonable warning or request to desist, the 721  
offender is guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree. 722

(B) Whoever violates section 1533.161, 1533.23, 1533.24, 723  
1533.301, 1533.40, 1533.41, 1533.45, 1533.48, 1533.511, 1533.55, 724  
1533.56, 1533.58, 1533.62, 1533.631, 1533.66, 1533.71, 1533.72, 725  
1533.73, 1533.74, 1533.76, 1533.77, or 1533.79, division (J) of 726  
section 1533.731, or division (B) or (C) of section 1533.97 of 727  
the Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree. 728

(C) Whoever violates division (B) of section 1533.03, 729  
section 1533.07, 1533.171, 1533.34, 1533.341, 1533.342, 1533.35, 730  
1533.42, 1533.51, 1533.63, 1533.64, 1533.67, 1533.68, 1533.721, 731  
1533.881, or 1533.882, division (B) ~~(2)~~, (3), or (4) of 732  
section 1533.731, or division (A) of section 1533.97 of the 733  
Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree. 734

(D) Whoever violates division (D) of section 1533.97 of 735  
the Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth 736  
degree. The court shall require any person who is convicted of 737  
or pleads guilty to the offense to refund to all participants in 738  
the fishing tournament operated by the person any entry fees 739  
paid by the participants. 740

(E) Whoever violates division (C) or (D) of section 741  
1533.632 of the Revised Code is guilty of a felony of the fifth 742  
degree. 743

(F) Whoever violates any section of this chapter for which 744  
no penalty is otherwise provided is guilty of a misdemeanor of 745  
the fourth degree. This division does not apply to division (A) 746  
of section 1533.751 of the Revised Code. 747

(G) A court that imposes sentence for a violation of any 748  
section of this chapter governing the holding, taking, or 749

possession of wild animals may require the person who is 750  
convicted of or pleads guilty to the offense, in addition to any 751  
fine, term of imprisonment, seizure, and forfeiture imposed, to 752  
make restitution for the minimum value of the wild animal or 753  
animals illegally held, taken, or possessed as established under 754  
section 1531.201 of the Revised Code. An officer who collects 755  
moneys paid as restitution under this section shall pay those 756  
moneys to the treasurer of state who shall deposit them in the 757  
state treasury to the credit of the wildlife fund established 758  
under section 1531.17 of the Revised Code. 759

(H) Except as otherwise provided in this division, whoever 760  
violates section 1533.75 of the Revised Code is guilty of a 761  
misdemeanor of the first degree. Whoever violates that section 762  
when the violation involves the importing or releasing of a wild 763  
boar or feral swine is guilty of a felony of the fifth degree. 764  
In addition to any other penalty, the court shall require any 765  
person who is convicted of or pleads guilty to a violation of 766  
that section to pay the costs incurred by any state or federal 767  
agency for the investigation, control, and eradication of wild 768  
boar or feral swine that resulted from the violation. Money paid 769  
to the division of wildlife shall be credited to the wildlife 770  
fund established under section 1531.17 of the Revised Code. 771

**Sec. 4745.01.** (A) "Standard renewal procedure," as used in 772  
Chapters 905., 907., 909., 911., 913., 915., 918., 921., 923., 773  
927., ~~942.~~ 943., 953., 1321., 3710., 3713., 3719., 3742., 774  
3748., 3769., 3783., 3921., 3951., 4104., 4105., 4169., 4561., 775  
4703., 4707., 4709., 4713., 4715., 4717., 4723., 4725., 4727., 776  
4728., 4729., 4731., 4733., 4734., 4739., 4741., 4747., 4749., 777  
4752., 4753., 4755., 4757., 4758., 4759., 4761., 4766., 4773., 778  
and 4775. of the Revised Code, means the license renewal 779  
procedures specified in this chapter. 780

(B) "Licensing agency," as used in this chapter, means any 781  
department, division, board, section of a board, or other state 782  
governmental unit subject to the standard renewal procedure, as 783  
defined in this section, and authorized by the Revised Code to 784  
issue a license to engage in a specific profession, occupation, 785  
or occupational activity, or to have charge of and operate 786  
certain specified equipment, machinery, or premises. 787

(C) "License," as used in this chapter, means a license, 788  
certificate, permit, card, or other authority issued or 789  
conferred by a licensing agency by authority of which the 790  
licensee has or claims the privilege to engage in the 791  
profession, occupation, or occupational activity, or to have 792  
control of and operate certain specific equipment, machinery, or 793  
premises, over which the licensing agency has jurisdiction. 794

(D) "Licensee," as used in this chapter, means either the 795  
person to whom the license is issued or renewed by a licensing 796  
agency, or the person, partnership, or corporation at whose 797  
request the license is issued or renewed. 798

(E) "Renewal" and "renewed," as used in this chapter and 799  
in the chapters of the Revised Code specified in division (A) of 800  
this section, includes the continuing licensing procedure 801  
provided in Chapter 3748. of the Revised Code and rules adopted 802  
under it and in sections 1321.05 and 3921.33 of the Revised 803  
Code, and as applied to those continuing licenses any reference 804  
in this chapter to the date of expiration of any license shall 805  
be construed to mean the due date of the annual or other fee for 806  
the continuing license. 807

**Section 2.** That existing sections 901.43, 942.01, 942.02, 808  
942.13, 943.23, 943.26, 1531.01, 1533.01, 1533.731, 1533.99, and 809  
4745.01 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 810

**Section 3.** That sections 942.03, 942.04, 942.05, 942.06, 811  
942.07, 942.10, 942.11, 942.12, and 942.99 of the Revised Code 812  
are hereby repealed. 813

**Section 4.** Any license to feed treated garbage to swine 814  
issued by the director of agriculture pursuant to section 942.02 815  
of the Revised Code prior to the effective date of this act 816  
expires on that date. 817