

HOUSE BILL 2332

By Dennis

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 70, Chapter 6, Part 1, relative to the enforcement of the wildlife laws.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-6-101, is amended by deleting subsections (b) and (c) in their entirety and substituting instead the following:

(b)

(1) It is the duty of every person participating in the privileges of taking or possessing such wildlife as permitted by this title to permit the executive director or officers of the agency to ascertain whether the person is in compliance with the provisions of this title requiring such person to possess a proper license.

(2) It is a Class C misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) nor more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) for a person who is engaged in the taking or possessing of wildlife or who is in possession of wildlife to refuse the request of any authorized officer of the state to inspect such person's license or to interfere with or obstruct such officer's license inspection.

(c) An authorized officer's right to inspect shall be limited to the inspection of a person's wildlife license. Any other search or inspection by an authorized agent shall be subject to the same constitutional standards and procedures required of law enforcement officers conducting a search of a person or place.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.