SENATE BILL 702

By Bailey

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 70, Chapter 4, Part 1, relative to the eradication of wild hogs.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 70, Chapter 4, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

- (a) As used in this section, "wild hogs" means feral, wild, or wild-appearing swine.
- (b) Notwithstanding any rule or proclamation to the contrary, private property owners in Bledsoe and White counties may eradicate wild hogs located on their property year-round by any means necessary, except as prohibited in subsection (c).
- (c) Private property owners in Bledsoe and White counties shall not use dogs in the eradication of wild hogs on their property during seasons designated for deer hunting pursuant to § 70-4-107.
- (d) Persons who eradicate wild hogs pursuant to this section shall keep accurate records of the total number of wild hogs killed in each county and shall report the information to the agency, on a form provided by the agency, within one (1) month of the eradication date.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015, the public welfare requiring it, and is hereby repealed on July 1, 2018.