
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO WILDLIFE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact is a
2 multistate agreement that promotes enforcement of hunting,
3 fishing, and trapping regulations across jurisdictions. This
4 means that engaging in illegal activities such as license
5 violations in one participating state can affect a person's
6 hunting or fishing privileges in all other participating states.
7 The Compact also establishes a process by which nonresident
8 wildlife law violators can be treated as state residents for
9 purposes of law enforcement, thereby easing the administrative
10 burden on the enforcement agency and reducing enforcement gaps
11 that may allow the violator to fail to comply with the terms of
12 the citation. The legislature finds that reciprocity agreements
13 such as the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact are an
14 important part of any law enforcement effort.

15 The Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact is modeled after
16 the successful multistate Driver License Compact and Nonresident
17 Violator Compact. Hawaii is party to both of those Compacts.
18 Forty-seven states have passed legislation necessary to join the



1 Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact. The legislature finds
2 that, if enacted in Hawaii, the Interstate Wildlife Violator
3 Compact would prevent wildlife violators who have lost their
4 hunting, trapping, or fishing privileges in other member states
5 from coming to Hawaii to circumvent those license revocations.
6 Additionally, persons who have been punished with license
7 revocation in Hawaii would be unable to avoid this punishment by
8 engaging in those activities in another state.

9 The legislature further finds that existing member states
10 to the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact have reported little
11 to no added costs or administrative burdens associated with
12 participating in the Compact. The information system that
13 facilitates participation is free to join and use for member
14 states. Enforcement agencies in existing member states report
15 spending an average of one to ten staff hours monthly on Compact
16 activities.

17 The purpose of this Act is to establish the Interstate
18 Wildlife Violator Compact task force to examine the feasibility
19 of Hawaii's participation in the compact.

20 SECTION 2. (a) There is established within the department
21 of land and natural resources for administrative purposes the



1 Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact task force to examine the
2 feasibility of Hawaii's participation in the Compact.

3 (b) The chairperson of the board of land and natural
4 resources or the chairperson's designee shall serve as the chair
5 of the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact task force and shall
6 select members to represent appropriate stakeholders including
7 representatives of:

- 8 (1) The division of conservation and resource enforcement;
- 9 (2) The division of forestry and wildlife;
- 10 (3) The division of aquatic resources;
- 11 (4) The law enforcement agencies of each of the counties;
- 12 (5) Hunting license vendors;
- 13 (6) Authorized fishing license agents;
- 14 (7) Practitioners of hunting or fishing as a Native
15 Hawaiian traditional and customary practice;
- 16 (8) Holders of hunting licenses; and
- 17 (9) Holders of fishing licenses.

18 No member of the task force shall be made subject to
19 chapter 84, Hawaii Revised Statutes, solely because of that
20 member's participation as a member of the task force.

21 (c) The Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact task force
22 shall submit its report to the legislature no later than twenty



1 days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2015,
2 including its findings and recommendations on the advisability
3 of and procedure for participation in the Interstate Wildlife
4 Violator Compact, projected costs and personnel hours required,
5 and any proposed legislation.

6 (d) The Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact task force
7 shall be dissolved on June 30, 2015.

8 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



Report Title:

Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact; Task Force

Description:

Establishes a task force in the Department of Land and Natural Resources to make recommendations regarding participation in the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact. (HB1901 HD1)

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