
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE INTERSTATE WILDLIFE VIOLATOR COMPACT.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the Interstate
2 Wildlife Violator Compact is a multistate agreement that
3 promotes enforcement of hunting, fishing, trapping, and other
4 wildlife related regulations across jurisdictions. For example,
5 the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact could prevent wildlife
6 violators who have lost their hunting, fishing, trapping, or
7 other wildlife related privileges in other member states from
8 obtaining a hunting license in Hawaii. Similarly, persons who
9 have been punished with license revocation in Hawaii would be
10 unable to avoid this punishment by engaging in those activities
11 in another state. The Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact also
12 establishes a process by which nonresident wildlife law
13 violators can be treated as state residents for purposes of law
14 enforcement, thereby easing the administrative burden on the
15 enforcement agency and reducing enforcement gaps that may allow
16 the violator to fail to comply with the terms of the citation.



1 Reciprocity agreements such as the Interstate Wildlife Violator
2 Compact are an important part of any law enforcement effort.

3 The legislature also finds that the Interstate Wildlife
4 Violator Compact is modeled after the successful multistate
5 driver license compact and nonresident violator compact. Hawaii
6 is party to both compacts.

7 The legislature additionally finds that forty-eight states
8 have passed legislation necessary to join the Interstate
9 Wildlife Violator Compact. Existing member states to the
10 Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact have reported little to no
11 added costs or administrative burdens associated with
12 participating in the compact. The information system that
13 facilitates participation is available for a nominal annual fee
14 of \$500 to member states.

15 The purpose of this Act is to authorize the department of
16 land and natural resources to enter into the Interstate Wildlife
17 Violator Compact or similar agreement for mutual assistance in
18 the enforcement of wildlife laws.

19 SECTION 2. Chapter 183D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
20 amended by adding a new section to part I to be appropriately
21 designated and to read as follows:



1 "§183D- Interstate wildlife violator compact. (a) The
2 department may enter into the interstate wildlife violator
3 compact or similar agreement, whether in the form of a
4 memorandum of understanding, written agreement, or mutual aid
5 compact, with an appropriate state, federal, or foreign entity
6 for mutual assistance in the enforcement of hunting, fishing,
7 and other wildlife laws, rules, or regulations in their
8 respective jurisdictions.

9 (b) The department may adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91
10 necessary for enforcement of the agreement entered into pursuant
11 to subsection (a)."

12 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

13 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



Report Title:

Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact

Description:

Authorizes the Department of Land and Natural Resources to enter into the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact or similar agreement for mutual assistance in the enforcement of wildlife laws. (SD2)

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