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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FERAL PIGS.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the State's  
2 residents, especially those living in rural areas, should be  
3 allowed to protect their persons and property from dangerous  
4 wildlife. Feral pigs can be destructive and pose a threat to  
5 human safety, agricultural crops, indigenous plants, and other  
6 animals.

7           The legislature recognizes that it can be cumbersome and  
8 time-consuming to obtain a permit to eradicate feral pigs on  
9 privately owned land.

10           Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to create an  
11 expedited permitting process to authorize the destruction or  
12 control of feral pigs on privately owned land, under certain  
13 circumstances.

14           SECTION 2. Section 183D-61, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
15 amended to read as follows:

16           "**§183D-61 Permits to take wild birds, game birds, and game**  
17 **mammals.** (a) Notwithstanding subsection (b) and the other



1 provisions contained in this chapter, the department may adopt  
2 rules pursuant to chapter 91:

3 (1) Authorizing the taking and collecting of wild birds,  
4 game birds, and game mammals for scientific and  
5 educational purposes, or for the purpose of  
6 distributing wild birds to different localities in the  
7 State pursuant to this title;

8 (2) Authorizing the keeping of wild birds in captivity for  
9 the protection, treatment for injury or disease,  
10 propagation, and other similar purposes consistent  
11 with the preservation, protection, and conservation of  
12 wild birds;

13 (3) Authorizing the taking and destruction of those wild  
14 birds, game birds, and game mammals the department may  
15 have found after investigation to be destructive to  
16 crops or to other game birds and game mammals or  
17 otherwise harmful to agriculture or aquaculture, or to  
18 constitute a nuisance or a health hazard; or

19 (4) Authorizing without requiring permits or reports, the  
20 destruction within a district of wild birds, game  
21 birds, and game mammals, including feral pigs, which

1 are generally destructive to crops or otherwise  
2 harmful to agriculture or aquaculture, or constitute a  
3 nuisance or a health hazard within the district.

4 (b) The department shall issue a permit for the  
5 destruction or control of feral pigs on privately owned land if  
6 the feral pigs have caused or are likely to cause substantial  
7 damage to agricultural or aquacultural crops, indigenous plants  
8 or wildlife, or human health and safety; provided that:

9 (1) An authorized agent of the department shall  
10 investigate a complaint filed by a private landowner  
11 regarding feral pigs on the owner's land that have  
12 caused or are likely to cause substantial damage. If  
13 the authorized agent is satisfied that substantial  
14 damage has occurred or is likely to occur, the permit  
15 shall be granted;

16 (2) No more than ninety days after a complaint is received  
17 by the department, an authorized agent of the  
18 department shall:

19 (A) Investigate the complaint; and

20 (B) Issue the permit; or



- 1           (C) Inform the applicant in writing why the permit  
2                   was denied;
- 3           (3) The applicant may appeal the decision of the  
4                   authorized agent to the department if the permit is  
5                   denied or is otherwise not issued within ninety days;
- 6           (4) The permit shall state:
- 7                   (A) The species to be destroyed or controlled;  
8                   (B) The approximate number of animals to be destroyed  
9                   or controlled;
- 10           (C) The authorized method or methods of destruction  
11                   or control; and
- 12           (D) Any other conditions the department deems  
13                   necessary;
- 14           (5) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to limit  
15                   the department's authority, pursuant to subsection  
16                   (a) (4), to authorize without requiring permits or  
17                   reports the destruction of feral pigs within certain  
18                   districts; and
- 19           (6) Nothing in this subsection shall be deemed to apply to  
20                   persons who are otherwise in compliance with the



1           State's laws and department's rules regarding game  
2           mammals and hunting.

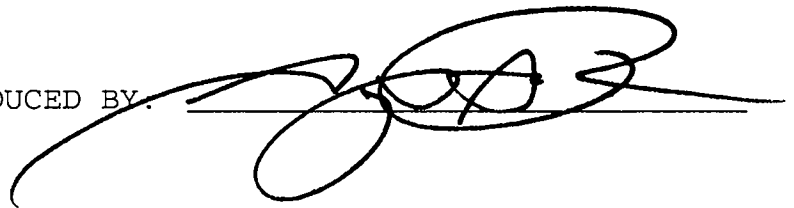
3           ~~(b)~~ (c) Except as provided in subsection (a)(4), the  
4 rules shall require the person or persons seeking authority to  
5 apply for and obtain a written permit from the department. The  
6 permits may prescribe terms and conditions the department deems  
7 necessary to prevent abuse of the authority granted thereby, and  
8 may be canceled by the department, after notice and hearing, for  
9 the violation of any term or condition."

10           SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
11 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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# S.B. NO. 315

**Report Title:**

Department of Land and Natural Resources; Feral Pigs; Permitting Process; Expedited

**Description:**

Creates an expedited permitting process to authorize the destruction or control of feral pigs on privately owned land, if the feral pigs have caused or are likely to cause substantial damage to agricultural or aquacultural crops, indigenous plants or wildlife, or pose a threat to human health and safety.

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