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HOUSE BILL 98: Macon/Clay/No Right-of-Way Spotlighting.

2019-2020 General Assembly

Committee:	House Wildlife Resources. If favorable, re- refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	Date:	March 12, 2019
Introduced by:	Rep. Corbin	Prepared by:	Kyle Evans Staff Attorney
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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 98 would make it a Class 2 misdemeanor to intentionally shine a light on any wild animal from the right-of-way of a public road between one-half hour before sunset and one-half hour before sunrise in Macon and Clay Counties.*

BILL ANALYSIS: **Section 1** of the bill would prohibit a person from intentionally shining a light on any wild animal, including deer, coyote, and feral swine, from the right-of-way of any public road between the hours of one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise.

Section 2 would provide that the prohibition does not apply to the necessary shining of lights by a motorist in normal travel on a highway, or to landowners, campers, or others who are not attempting to attract or immobilize wildlife by the use of lights.

Sections 3 and 4 would make violation of the act a Class 2 misdemeanor, enforceable by law enforcement officers of the WRC, sheriffs and deputy sheriffs, and other law enforcement officers with general subject matter jurisdiction.

Section 5 would make the act applicable to Macon and Clay Counties only.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act would become effective October 1, 2019, and would apply to offenses committed on or after that date.

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