



This Bill Analysis reflects the contents of the bill as it was presented in committee.

# SENATE BILL 262: Union/Prohibit Certain Hunting Acts.

2019-2020 General Assembly

<b>Committee:</b>	Senate Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources. If favorable, re-refer to Rules and Operations of the Senate	<b>Date:</b>	May 2, 2019
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**OVERVIEW:** Senate Bill 262 would make it a Class 2 misdemeanor for a person to hunt or fish on another person's property without landowner permission or while impaired by an impairing substance or alcohol in Union County.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** Section 1 of Senate Bill 262 would make it unlawful for a person to hunt or fish on another person's property without the written permission, signed and dated for the current hunting or fishing season, of the landowner, lessee, or a designee. The written permission would be valid for no more than one year, or shorter at the discretion of the landowner or lessee, and must be displayed to any law enforcement officer upon request.

**Section 2** would make it unlawful for a person to hunt or fish on another person's property while under the influence of an impairing substance or alcohol to the extent the person has a blood-alcohol concentration of 0.08 or more. The definitions of "under the influence of an impairing substance" and "impairing substance" are the same as those set forth in the motor vehicles statutes.

**Section 3 and Section 4** would make violation of the act a Class 2 misdemeanor, enforceable by law enforcement officers of the Wildlife Resources Commission, sheriffs and deputy sheriffs, and peace officers with general subject matter jurisdiction.

**Section 5** would make the act applicable to Union County only.

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

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