



2021-2022 General Assembly

HOUSE BILL 181: Wildlife Resources Commission Amendments, Sec. 9A: Unlawful Baiting Clarification

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| Committee: | | Date: | February 22, 2022 |
| Introduced by: | | Prepared by: | Kyle Evans Staff Attorney |
| Analysis of: | Sec. 9A of S.L. 2021-160 | | |

OVERVIEW: Section 9A of S.L. 2021-160 makes it unlawful for a person to place bait for the purpose of intentionally interfering with the lawful taking of wildlife. Violation of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor for a first offense, and a Class 1 misdemeanor for subsequent offenses.

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CURRENT LAW/BILL ANALYSIS:

It is generally unlawful to use the aid of bait when taking wildlife. Section 11 of S.L.2019-204 made it unlawful to take turkey within 300 yards of an area that has been baited until 10 days after the bait has been removed.

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