



# Ohio Legislative Service Commission

## Bill Analysis

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### **H.B. 199\***

130th General Assembly

(As Reported by H. Agriculture and Natural Resources)

**Reps.** Burkley and Hackett, J. Adams, Buchy, Beck, Brenner, Brown, Derickson, Hayes, Hill, Johnson, Smith, Stebelton, Thompson, Wachtmann, Bishoff, Cera

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## **BILL SUMMARY**

- Adds feral hogs to the game list.
- Permits the possession of a wild turkey, wild boar, or feral hog that is struck and killed by the driver of a motor vehicle.

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## **CONTENT AND OPERATION**

The bill adds feral hogs to the game list by including them in the definition of "game quadrupeds," which under current law includes cottontail rabbits, gray squirrels, black squirrels, fox squirrels, red squirrels, flying squirrels, chipmunks, groundhogs or woodchucks, white-tailed deer, wild boar, and black bears.<sup>1</sup> Under continuing law, the Chief of the Division of Wildlife adopts rules setting hunting seasons and bag limits for animals and birds on the game list.<sup>2</sup>

The bill also permits the driver of a motor vehicle that has struck and killed a wild turkey, wild boar, or feral hog on a highway to take possession of the animal, provided that within 24 hours, the driver reports the accident to a wildlife officer or other law enforcement officer. The officer must investigate and, if the officer finds the death has been caused as alleged, give a certificate for legal ownership of the wild

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\* This analysis was prepared before the report of the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee appeared in the House Journal. Note that the list of co-sponsors and the legislative history may be incomplete.

<sup>1</sup> R.C. 1531.01(V).

<sup>2</sup> R.C. 1533.02 (not in the bill).

turkey, wild boar, or feral hog to the driver. The bill also specifies that if such a wild turkey is unclaimed, the certificate for legal ownership may be given to a private or public institution or charity or to another person. Under current law, these provisions apply to a deer that has been killed by a motor vehicle.<sup>3</sup>

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## HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced Reported, H. Agriculture and Natural Resources	06-05-13 -----

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<sup>3</sup> R.C. 1533.121.

