

LEGISLATIVE BILL 20

Approved by the Governor March 9, 2005

Introduced by Kremer, 34; Schrock, 38

AN ACT relating to swine; to amend section 37-524.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to prohibit the release of swine for sport; to provide a penalty; to authorize destruction of feral swine; to define a term; to provide for applicability of provisions; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. Section 37-524.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

37-524.01. (1) It shall be illegal to knowingly engage in, sponsor, instigate, assist, or profit from the release, killing, wounding, or attempted killing or wounding of animals of the Families Tayassuidae and Suidae for the purpose of sport, pleasure, amusement, or production of a trophy. The commission shall destroy any feral swine and may authorize any agents, including landowners, to destroy and dispose of any feral swine.

(2) For purposes of this section, feral swine means swine whose reversion from the domesticated state to a wild state is apparent or an otherwise freely roaming swine having no visible tags, marking, or characteristics indicating that it is from a domestic herd, and reasonable inquiry within the area does not identify an owner.

(3) Any person violating subsection (1) of this section is guilty of a Class II misdemeanor.

Sec. 2. The duties and liabilities imposed by sections 54-401 to 54-415 do not apply in the case of estray or trespass of feral swine as defined in section 37-524.01. Feral swine may be destroyed as provided in section 37-524.01.

Sec. 3. Original section 37-524.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is repealed.

Sec. 4. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed and approved according to law.