

House Bill 421

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 1 of Title 27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 general provisions relative to game and fish, so as to authorize reasonable limitation or  
3 prohibition on the discharge of bows within the boundaries of a political subdivision for  
4 purposes of public safety; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for  
5 other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Chapter 1 of Title 27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general  
9 provisions relative to game and fish, is amended by revising subsection (h) of Code  
10 Section 27-1-3, relating to legislative declarations, promotion and right to hunt, trap, or fish;  
11 and local regulation, as follows:

12 "(h) Except as otherwise provided by general law, the power and duty to promulgate rules  
13 and regulations relating to hunting, trapping, and fishing rests solely with the board. No  
14 political subdivision of the state may regulate hunting, trapping, or fishing by local  
15 ordinance; provided, however, that a local government shall not be prohibited from  
16 exercising its management rights over real property owned or leased by it for purposes of

17 prohibiting hunting, fishing, or trapping upon the property or for purposes of setting times  
18 when access to the property for purposes of hunting, fishing, or trapping in accordance with  
19 this title may be permitted. Nothing contained in this Code section shall prohibit  
20 municipalities or counties, by ordinance, resolution, or other enactment, from reasonably  
21 limiting or prohibiting the discharge of firearms or bows within the boundaries of the  
22 political subdivision for purposes of public safety."

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**SECTION 2.**

24 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.