

HOUSE BILL 1971

By Barker

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 70,
Chapter 4, Part 1, relative to coyotes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 70, Chapter 4, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

§ 70-4-1__.

(a) Notwithstanding any provision of this title or rule or proclamation promulgated by the commission to the contrary, any person who possesses a license to hunt in this state may hunt coyotes at night. Such person may use spotlighting, night vision scopes or devices, or electronic or battery operated calling solely for the purpose of hunting coyotes at night if the person uses such spotlighting, night vision scopes or devices, or electronic or battery operated calling from a stationary position and otherwise complies with this title and the rules and proclamations promulgated by the commission; provided, however, that this section does not permit hunting coyote from any motor vehicle or vessel, or with the aid of any motor vehicle or vessel, except as provided in § 70-4-109(b) and the rules and proclamations promulgated by the commission.

(b) For the purposes of this section, "spotlighting" means to throw or cast, or cause to be thrown or cast, the rays of a spotlight, headlight, or other artificial light.

(c) This section shall only apply in Lake County.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.