

SENATE BILL 1777

By Bell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 70,
Chapter 4, Part 3, relative to hunter protection.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-4-301, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

() "Drone" means a drone as defined in § 39-13-609;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-4-302, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and by substituting instead the follow:

70-4-302.

(a) Any person who performs any of the following commits a Class C misdemeanor:

(1) Interferes with the lawful taking of a wild animal by another with intent to prevent the taking;

(2) Disturbs or engages in an activity that will tend to disturb wild animals, with intent to prevent their lawful taking;

(3) Disturbs another person who is engaged in the lawful taking of a wild animal or who is engaged in the process of taking, with intent to dissuade or otherwise prevent the taking;

(4) Enters or remains upon public lands, or upon private lands without permission of the owner or the owner's agent, with intent to violate this section;

(5) Fails to obey the order of a peace officer to desist from conduct in violation of this section if the officer observes such conduct, or

has reasonable grounds to believe that the person has engaged in such conduct that day or that the person plans or intends to engage in such conduct that day on a specific premises; or

(6) Uses a drone to conduct video surveillance of private citizens who are lawfully hunting or fishing.

(b) As used in subsection (a), "any person" means any individual, firm, association, company, partnership, corporation, public or private organization, institution or similar entity.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014, the public welfare requiring it.