

SENATE BILL 2784

By Bowling

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39;  
Title 40 and Title 70, relative to violations of  
wildlife laws.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-4-106, is amended by adding the following subsections:

(c) In addition to the punishments authorized by this title, if a person is convicted of killing or possessing a game animal in violation of this title and the offense occurred on property where the person did not have a legal right to be present, then the court may order that person to pay restitution for the unlawful entry to the legal owner of the property where the killing or possession occurred in the following amounts:

(1) Not less than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) per animal, for each of the following that is illegally killed or possessed:

(A) Wild turkey;

(B) White-tailed deer with no antlers; and

(C) Antlered white-tailed deer with less than eight (8) antler points;

(2) Not less than fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) per animal, for each of the following that is illegally killed or possessed:

(A) Wild elk with no antlers; and

(B) Antlered wild elk with less than eight (8) antler points;

(3) Not less than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) per animal plus one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per antler point, for each antlered white-tailed deer

with at least eight (8) but not more than ten (10) antler points that is illegally killed or possessed;

(4) Not less than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) per animal plus one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) per antler point, for each antlered white-tailed deer with eleven (11) or more antler points that is illegally killed or possessed;

(5) Not less than fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) per animal plus one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) per antler point, for each antlered wild elk with at least eight (8) but not more than ten (10) antler points that is illegally killed or possessed;

(6) Not less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per animal for each wild hog that is illegally killed or possessed;

(7) Not less than five hundred dollars (\$500) per animal for each of the following that is illegally killed or possessed:

- (A) Bobcat;
- (B) Coyote;
- (C) Fox;
- (D) Beaver;
- (E) Otter;
- (F) Fisher; and
- (G) Raccoon;

(8) Not less than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) per animal for each of the following that is illegally killed or possessed:

- (A) Rabbit;
- (B) Squirrel;

- (C) Mink;
- (D) Muskrat;
- (E) Woodchuck;
- (F) Weasel;
- (G) Opossum;
- (H) Armadillo;
- (I) Skunk;
- (J) Duck;
- (K) Goose;
- (L) Swan;
- (M) Teal;
- (N) Merganser;
- (O) Crane;
- (P) Dove;
- (Q) Pigeon;
- (R) Quail;
- (S) Pheasant;
- (T) Grouse; and
- (U) Chukar;

(9) Not less than fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) per animal plus two thousand dollars (\$2,000) per antler point, for each antlered wild elk with eleven (11) or more antler points that is illegally killed or possessed; and

(10) Not less than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) per animal, for each bear that is illegally killed or possessed and for each bear cub that is orphaned by the illegal killing or possession of a bear.

(d) Pursuant to § 40-24-105(a), the first moneys paid into court for a case in which a person is ordered to pay restitution pursuant to subsection (c) must first be credited toward the payment of restitution owed to the victim pursuant to subsection (c).

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.