
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE INTERSTATE WILDLIFE VIOLATOR COMPACT.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The interstate wildlife violator compact is a
2 multistate agreement that promotes enforcement of hunting,
3 fishing, trapping, and other wildlife-related regulations across
4 jurisdictions. For example, the interstate wildlife violator
5 compact could prevent wildlife violators who have lost their
6 hunting, fishing, trapping, or other wildlife related privileges
7 in other member states from obtaining a hunting license in
8 Hawaii. Similarly, persons who have been punished with license
9 revocation in Hawaii would be unable to avoid this punishment by
10 engaging in those activities in another state. The interstate
11 wildlife violator compact also establishes a process by which
12 nonresident wildlife law violators can be treated as state
13 residents for purposes of law enforcement, thereby easing the
14 administrative burden on the enforcement agency and reducing
15 enforcement gaps that may allow the violator to fail to comply
16 with the terms of the citation. Reciprocity agreements such as



1 the interstate wildlife violator compact are an important part
2 of any law enforcement effort.

3 The interstate wildlife violator compact is modeled after
4 the successful multistate driver license compact and nonresident
5 violator compact. Hawaii is party to both compacts.
6 Forty-eight states have passed legislation necessary to join the
7 interstate wildlife violator compact.

8 Furthermore, existing member states to the interstate
9 wildlife violator compact have reported little to no added costs
10 or administrative burdens associated with participating in the
11 compact. The information system that facilitates participation
12 is available for free to member states.

13 The purpose of this Act is to authorize the department of
14 land and natural resources to become a member of the interstate
15 wildlife violator compact or similar agreement.

16 SECTION 2. Chapter 183D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
17 amended by adding a new section to part I to be appropriately
18 designated and to read as follows:

19 "§183D- Interstate wildlife violator compact. (a) The
20 department may enter into the interstate wildlife violator
21 compact or similar agreement, whether in the form of a



1 memorandum of understanding, written agreement, or mutual aid
2 compact, with an appropriate state, federal, or foreign entity
3 for mutual assistance in the enforcement of hunting, fishing,
4 and other wildlife laws, rules, or regulations in their
5 respective jurisdictions.

6 (b) Employees of the department who perform an act of
7 omission or commission in administering or enforcing the terms
8 or conditions of the agreement entered into pursuant to
9 subsection (a), if the act is within the course and scope of
10 their employment in administering or enforcing the agreement,
11 shall be:

- 12 (1) Immune from civil liability for damages;
- 13 (2) Entitled to legal representation for defense of legal
14 actions in which they are a named party or of claims
15 in which they are implicated; and
- 16 (3) Entitled to indemnification for any damages arising
17 from legal actions or claims resulting therefrom.

18 (c) The department may adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91
19 necessary to implement this section."

20 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

21 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



Report Title:

Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact; Multi-jurisdictional Agreement;

Description:

Authorizes the department of land and natural resources to enter into the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact or similar agreement for mutual assistance in the enforcement of wildlife laws. (HD1)

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