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Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources

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Prohibitions regarding feral swine and wild boar

Increases the mental state requirement, from strict liability to knowingly, for all of the following prohibitions:

1. Importing, transporting, or possessing live wild boar or feral swine;
2. Releasing wild boar or feral swine into the wild or expanding the range of a wild boar or feral swine by introducing the wild boar or feral swine to a new location;
3. Allowing a swine that is under the ownership or possession of the person to live in a feral state;
4. Except as otherwise provided in the bill, hunting, trapping, or killing a wild boar or feral swine or assisting in the hunting, trapping, or killing of a wild boar or feral swine;
5. Profiting from the releasing, hunting, trapping, or killing of wild boar or feral swine;
6. Failing to notify the Division of Wildlife in accordance with the bill; and
7. Releasing for hunting or hunting wild boar or feral swine in any wild animal hunting preserve in Ohio.

Agricultural Commodity Handlers Law changes

- For purposes of the definition of “storage” in the Agricultural Commodity Handlers Law, retains the definition, but states that it includes unapplied and hold grain tickets.
- Defines “grain bank” for purposes of the Agricultural Commodity Handlers Law in addition to defining it for purposes of agricultural commodity transactions as under current law.
- Includes a definition of “regular price bid” for purposes of the Agricultural Commodity Handlers Law, but does not use the term in that law.

- Defines “regular price bid” as the current basis bid or cash price of an agricultural commodity handler licensed under that law.