

Amendment No. 1 to SB0494

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Signature of Sponsor

AMEND Senate Bill No. 494

House Bill No. 395*

by deleting SECTION 3 and substituting:

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-4-112(a)(2)(A), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting:

(A) Notwithstanding this section, this part or any public or private act to the contrary, in Morgan County and in counties that are located entirely east of U.S. Highway 27, the commission shall establish a minimum training season of not less than six (6) months each year, within which period raccoon dogs may be trained. Such raccoon dog training season shall not commence earlier than June 1 of each year. Such six-month period need not be consecutive. Within such training season, a person chasing raccoons with dogs shall not use or carry any firearms, axes, or climbing instruments except during such open season as may be proclaimed pursuant to this section; except that, a person who is not otherwise prohibited by law from possessing a handgun may carry a handgun, as defined in § 39-11-106, so long as the handgun is not used for the taking of game. No raccoon shall be killed or taken except during such open season. No raccoon shall be shot at any time in the year either from a boat or any type of motor vehicle. The commission shall establish a minimum raccoon hunting season of not less than six (6) weeks each year, which season shall not commence sooner than November 1 of each year. Such six-week period need not be consecutive. The commission has the authority to extend the training season or hunting season, or both, to such additional periods of time as it deems justified based on the raccoon population in the area involved in any section or sections of the state.

AND FURTHER AMEND by inserting the following new sections immediately preceding the last section and renumbering the subsequent section accordingly:

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-4-112(a)(1), is amended by deleting the language "coon" wherever it appears and substituting instead "raccoon".

SECTION 8. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-4-122, is amended by deleting the language "coon" wherever it appears and substituting instead "raccoon".