

1 AN ACT relating to hunting coyotes.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 150.360 is amended to read as follows:

- 4 (1) No person shall take any wildlife, whether protected by this chapter or not, except
5 by trapping, snaring, gig, crossbow, bow and arrow, hook and line, nets, gun, gun
6 and dog, dog, falconry, or as expressly prescribed by regulation.
- 7 (2) Shotguns used in the taking of wildlife, protected or unprotected, shall not be larger
8 than 10-gauge and shall be fired from the shoulder. No wildlife, except deer or light
9 geese during a light geese conservation order, protected or unprotected, shall be
10 taken with or by means of any automatic loading or hand-operated repeating
11 shotgun capable of holding more than three (3) shells, the magazine of which has
12 not been cut off or plugged with a one (1) piece filler incapable of removal through
13 the loading end, in such manner as to reduce the capacity of the gun to not more
14 than three (3) shells at one (1) time in the magazine and chamber combined.
- 15 (3) No person shall take or attempt to take any wildlife, protected or unprotected, from
16 an automobile, or other vehicle, unless prescribed by regulation. Boats may be used
17 except as prohibited by state or federal regulation.
- 18 (4) No person shall discharge any firearm, bow and arrow, crossbow or other similar
19 device, upon, over, or across any public roadway.
- 20 (5) No person shall take wildlife, except opossum, raccoon, fishes and frogs, with lights
21 or other means designed to make wildlife visible at night.
- 22 (6) Coyotes may be taken at night with or without the use of lights ***of any color except***
23 ***white*** or other means designed to make wildlife visible at night, as established by
24 administrative regulation. ***The administrative regulations promulgated under this***
25 ***subsection relating to the hunting of coyotes at night shall at a minimum:***
26 ***(a) Require the possession of a valid hunting license, unless the hunter is***
27 ***license-exempt;***

- 1 (b) Allow the use of electronic or mouth calls;
- 2 (c) Allow the use of decoys;
- 3 (d) Allow the hunting of coyotes from sunset to sunrise using any of the
 4 following weapons:
- 5 1. Bows, including longbows, compound bows, recurve bows, and
 6 crossbows;
- 7 2. Handguns of any caliber;
- 8 3. Rifles of no larger than 0.30-caliber; and
- 9 4. Shotguns of no larger than 10-gauge;
- 10 (e) Prohibit the hunting of coyotes from sunset to sunrise on wildlife
 11 management areas;
- 12 (f) Prohibit the hunting of coyotes from sunset to sunrise during any deer gun
 13 or muzzle-loading season, including youth weekends;
- 14 (g) Prohibit hunting coyotes at any time from a road or motor vehicle;
- 15 (h) Prohibit hunting coyotes from sunset to sunrise with white light; and
- 16 (i) Place no bag limit on coyotes.

17 ➔Section 2. KRS 150.395 is amended to read as follows:

- 18 (1) Except with regard to hunting coyotes at night with non-white light as provided
 19 under Section 1 of this Act and the administrative regulations promulgated
 20 thereunder, no person or group of persons may deliberately cast the rays of a
 21 spotlight or other artificial light into any field, pasture, woodlands, or forest,
 22 whether public or private, where wildlife or domestic livestock may reasonably be
 23 expected to be located, or into any inhabited building. This section shall not apply
 24 to the rays of headlights of vehicles engaged in a normal course of travel; to
 25 employees or agents of the department while on official business; to peace officers
 26 in the line of duty; to those engaged in legitimate agricultural activities; or to
 27 anyone involved in activities legitimate to his business, occupation, or

- 1 circumstances including lawful hunting and fishing activities, or any landowner, his
2 immediate family, or any paid employee while working on his land at that time.
- 3 (2) Any person who violates the provisions of this section shall be fined one hundred
4 fifty dollars (\$150), which shall be prepayable.