2023 Kansas Statutes

32-1004. Unlawful possession of wildlife; refusal to allow inspection of property used in taking wildlife; penalties. (a) It is unlawful for any person to:

(1) Possess a carcass of a big game animal, taken within this state, unless a carcass tag, issued by the secretary, is attached to it in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the secretary;

(2) possess a carcass of a wild turkey, taken in this state, unless a carcass tag, if required and issued by the secretary, is attached to it, in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the secretary;

(3) possess a carcass of a big game animal or wild turkey, taken within the state, unless a check station tag, if required and issued by the secretary, is attached to it, in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the secretary;

(4) possess any wildlife unlawfully killed or otherwise unlawfully taken outside this state;

(5) cause to be shipped within, from or into this state any illegally taken or possessed wildlife;

(6) intentionally import into this state, or possess or release in this state, any species of wildlife prohibited pursuant to K.S.A. 32-956, and amendments thereto;

(7) refuse to allow any conservation officer or deputy conservation officer or any law enforcement officer to inspect and count any wildlife in such person's possession; or (8) refuse to allow any conservation officer or deputy conservation officer or any law enforcement officer to inspect any devices or facilities of such person which are used in taking, possessing, transporting, storing or processing any wildlife subject to the wildlife and parks laws of this state or rules and regulations of the secretary.

(b) The provisions of subsection (a)(1), (a)(2) and (a)(3) do not apply to animals sold in surplus property disposal sales of department exhibit herds or animals legally taken outside this state.

(c) Any person convicted of violating provisions of this section shall be subject to the penalties prescribed in K.S.A. 32-1031, and amendments thereto, except as provided in K.S.A. 32-1032, and amendments thereto, relating to big game and wild turkey. **History:** L. 1989, ch. 118, § 116; L. 1993, ch. 185, § 11; L. 2004, ch. 99, § 9; L. 2005, ch. 182, § 7; L. 2008, ch. 17, § 2; L. 2012, ch. 47, § 57; L. 2023, ch. 7, § 66; July 1.