

HOUSE BILL No. 2622

By Committee on Agriculture

2-11

1 AN ACT relating to wildlife; concerning poaching of certain animals;
2 penalties.

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4 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

5 Section 1. (a) In addition to any other penalty provided by law, any
6 person who kills any wild turkey, paddlefish, elk, antelope or white-tailed
7 or mule deer in violation of the methods, seasons or limits authorized by
8 the wildlife, parks and tourism laws of this state and rules and regulations
9 promulgated by the secretary of wildlife, parks and tourism shall be guilty
10 of an unclassified misdemeanor and, upon conviction, the court shall order
11 such person to pay a fine in accordance with the provisions of this section
12 in an amount:

13 (1) Not less than \$500 and not more than \$1,000 for each wild turkey;
14 (2) not less than \$500 and not more than \$1,000 for each paddlefish;
15 (3) not less than \$1,000 and not more than \$10,000 for each antelope
16 or white-tailed or mule deer; and

17 (4) not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$15,000 for each elk.

18 (b) Any such amount that is collected shall be apportioned by the
19 court in the following manner:

20 (1) For any such violation committed upon private land:

21 (A) The record owner or owners of the fee title to the property where
22 such animal died shall receive 50% of the amount collected; and

23 (B) the law enforcement agency that arrested the violator shall
24 receive 50% of the amount collected.

25 (2) For any such violation committed upon public land, the law
26 enforcement agency that arrested the violator shall receive 100% of the
27 amount collected.

28 (c) Any such fine shall be a judgment against the defendant that may
29 be collected by the court by garnishment or other execution as on
30 judgments in civil cases.

31 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
32 publication in the statute book.