

## Session 121 - (2015-2016)

### S 0158 General Bill, By Shealy

#### Summary: Bear-baying

A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 16-27-80 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE EXEMPTIONS OF CERTAIN ACTIVITIES FROM THE ANIMAL FIGHTING AND BAITING ACT, TO DELETE THE EXEMPTION OF "BEAR-BAYING"; AND TO AMEND SECTION 50-11-430, RELATING TO BEAR HUNTING AND UNLAWFUL ACTS IN REGARD TO BEARS INCLUDING A PROVISION THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL TO POSSESS A CAPTIVE BEAR EXCEPT BY PERMIT ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, TO PROVIDE THAT A CAPTIVE BEAR FOR WHICH A PERMIT HAS BEEN ISSUED AND WHICH UPON INFORMATION AND BELIEF OF THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN OR IS BEING USED FOR THE PURPOSE OF "BEAR-BAYING" MUST BE TAKEN INTO CUSTODY BY THE DEPARTMENT, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT SHALL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO PLACE THESE BEARS IN A SUITABLE ENVIRONMENT, INCLUDING ZOOS OR ANIMAL PARKS WITHIN OR OUTSIDE THIS STATE.

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