

House Bill No 1598

Items I will speak on in person

- Clarify that we are looking to make these changes for literally both sides of the coin, A to bring on the ability to legally travel on private land, and B to allow clear boundaries for prosecution when someone is breaking the law.
- Bringing clarity to the intent of the law, it was very muddy and misinterpreted.
- Supporting private property rights of use.
- We are hoping it limits the number of calls that state radio gets for people driving around on private land.
- Cleaning up the established road or trail issue.

TITLE 20.1 GAME, FISH, PREDATORS, AND BOATING CHAPTER 20.1-01 GENERAL PROVISIONS

20.1-01-02. Definitions.

17. "Established Road or trail" means any public highway or road, improved or otherwise, dedicated for public ingress or egress, or any other road or trail normally used for travel but does not include temporary trails across cultivated land used for agricultural purposes.

- Allowing more defined rights within the law, allowing the law enforcement agencies clarity to prosecute those breaking the law.
 - I have heard from law enforcement that this law can be tricky to prosecute as someone may be in possession of a fur bearer license and a deer tag and be driving out on private property and when contacted they simply say they are coyote hunting. We want to make this cut and dry. Do you have written permission to hunt/ drive on this land? Yes- Good to go! No-Ticket incoming.
- Clarity will enhance hunter and landowner relationships as well as relationships with both parties and law enforcement.
- New online posting that is going to put the "potential hunter" and the one posting the land in touch with each other that can easily be taken to the next step in allowing access on the land, and a written form of driving access.
- This new language cuts out the ability of the lessor to give written permission. This is great as it clears up any issues that could arise on state owned land that has a lease on it. In this scenario the STATE would be the only one that would be able to grant access to drive on the land.
- This language still allows people that are hunting on NON posted land the ability after properly taking and tagging a deer the ability to drive out to it and return on the same path.
- This proposed language still allows hunters to park in roadside ditches for safety of the traveling public.
- This proposal is very clear and concise on not allowing people to drive a motor vehicle through cover to push deer.

- I personally have struggled for years on understanding the exact language and intent of this law and I feel this proposed version will be easily interpreted by everyone.
- I appreciate your time and allowing me to speak on this matter.