



Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact Resolution of Ratification



In support for the admission of the State of Ohio into the Wildlife Violator Compact

WHEREAS, the Wildlife Violator Compact is an interstate agreement between member states to enhance the compliance with the hunting, fishing and other wildlife laws of member states, and provides for the fair and impartial treatment of wildlife violators; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Compact Administrators has set forth prescribed requirements and procedures for any state to become a member of the Wildlife Violator Compact within the established Bylaws and Compact Operations Manual; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio has directed and empowered the Ohio Department of Natural Resources to be the state agency responsible to provide for the management and protection of the state's wildlife resources through various prescribed practices including, but not limited to, hunting, fishing and fur harvesting; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio and the Ohio Division of Wildlife has established, through legislative and regulatory processes, laws requiring the licensure of certain people to engage in the activities of taking wildlife with the State, and has additionally established conditions and procedures whereby the State may revoke, suspend or deny any person of those privileges to acquire any such license or permit, or restrict or prohibit any person the ability to take the wildlife resources of the State; and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio has directed and empowered law enforcement officers of the Ohio Division of Wildlife and any other certified, commissioned law enforcement officers of the State to enforce the provisions of law concerning the wildlife resources of the State including the power to physically arrest or to issue a legal notice to appear before the appropriate court to any person when the standard of probable cause exists that such person has violated the laws of the State of Ohio; and,

WHEREAS, the Governor and Legislature of the State of Ohio has enacted all provisions of the Wildlife Violator Compact as set forth in Ohio Statutes Annotated 1531.133 (A) (1), 1531.133 (A) (2), 1531.133 (A) (3), and 1531.133 (B) and thereby agrees to all provisions set forth in the Compact, Bylaws, and Operations Manual, and further recognizes all current and future member states legally empowered as members of the Compact;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the State of Ohio, by representation through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife, makes formal application to Chairman and Board of Administrators of the Wildlife Violation Compact to receive full admission, authority and representation as an official member of the Wildlife Violator Compact commencing October 18, 2007.


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