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| BILL ANALYSIS |

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| S.B. 317 |
| By: Hughes |
| Culture, Recreation & Tourism |
| Committee Report (Unamended) |

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| **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE** It has been suggested that landowners should be given more freedom to take feral hogs on the landowners' land without having acquired a hunting license, even if such hogs are not causing depredation on the land. S.B. 317 seeks to address this issue by revising a landowner's authority relating to the taking of feral hogs without a hunting license. |
| **CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT**It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision. |
| **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY** It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution. |
| **ANALYSIS** S.B. 317 amends the Parks and Wildlife Code to revise the authorization for a landowner to take feral hogs on the landowner's land without having acquired a hunting license by:* removing the specification that such hogs are causing depredation on the land; and
* changing the other persons also authorized to do so from the landowner's agent or lessee to any person with the landowner's consent.
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| **EFFECTIVE DATE** September 1, 2019. |