

REFERENCE TITLE: unlawful wildlife feeding; enforcement; penalty

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## **HB 2224**

Introduced by  
Representatives Gress: Bliss, Carter P; Senator Kavanagh

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 13-2927, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC ORDER.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 13-2927, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 13-2927. Unlawful feeding of wildlife; classification

5 A. A person commits unlawful feeding of wildlife by intentionally,  
6 knowingly or recklessly feeding, attracting or otherwise enticing wildlife  
7 into an area OR CREATING A WILDLIFE HABITAT, except for:

8 1. Persons lawfully taking or holding wildlife pursuant to title 17  
9 or pursuant to rules or orders of the Arizona game and fish commission.

10 2. Public employees or authorized agents acting within the scope of  
11 their authority for public safety or for wildlife management purposes.

12 3. Normal agricultural or livestock operational practices.

13 4. Tree squirrels or birds.

14 ~~B. This section applies in a county with a population of more than~~  
15 ~~two hundred eighty thousand persons.~~

16 ~~C.~~ B. Unlawful feeding of wildlife is a petty offense EXCEPT THAT,  
17 NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION 13-802, IF THE OFFENSE OCCURS IN A CITY OR TOWN  
18 WITH A POPULATION OF MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND PERSONS, THE DEFENDANT  
19 SHALL BE SENTENCED TO PAY A FINE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000.