It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 20-15-7 of the General Laws in Chapter 20-15 entitled "Deer Hunting" is hereby amended to read as follows:


The owner of any vehicle that has been substantially damaged by collision with a deer shall, within twenty-four (24) hours after the collision, report the accident to a conservation officer. The officer shall investigate, and if he or she finds the damage has been done as alleged, the officer shall give a certificate to the person entitling the person to ownership of the deer carcass to be possessed and consumed only with the immediate family of the owner of the vehicle. The department of environmental management shall promulgate rules and regulations governing possession and use of the animal carcass.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.
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This act would modify reporting requirements regarding collisions between vehicles and wildlife in instances where the vehicle has been substantially damaged. It would also direct the department of environmental management to promulgate rules and regulations governing possession and use of an animal carcass involved in such a collision.

This act would take effect upon passage.

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