
HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Substitute for Original House Bill No. 312 by Representative Thompson as proposed by the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment

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To amend R.S. 56:116(D), relative to deer hunting; to provide for a special deer hunting season for honorably discharged veterans who are Louisiana residents; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 56:116(D) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§116. Wild birds and wild quadrupeds; special hunting seasons

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D.(1) The commission shall establish a special open deer hunting season for youth under eighteen years of age. The taking of deer in such a season shall be limited to a weekend prior to the opening weekend of the regular gun season in all of the applicable zones. Both resident and nonresident youths may participate in this special season. Any youth participating in the special youth hunting season shall be accompanied by one adult eighteen years of age or older, but only the youth may participate in the actual hunting. If the accompanying adult is in possession of a valid hunting license, or a hunter safety certificate, or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course approved by the department, a youth under sixteen years of age shall not be required to have any of these items. However, if the accompanying adult is not in possession of any of these items, the youth shall be required to have in his possession either a hunter safety certificate or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course approved by the department. A youth who is sixteen or seventeen shall have in his possession a basic hunting license and a big game licence as required by law. The accompanying adult shall maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times.

(2) The commission shall establish a special open deer hunting season for Louisiana residents who are honorably discharged veterans of the United States Armed Forces. The taking of deer in such a season shall be limited to a weekend prior to the opening weekend of the regular gun season in all of the applicable zones and shall run concurrently with the open deer hunting season for youth provided for in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection. In order to qualify for the veterans special season, a veteran shall hold and be in possession of a basic hunting license and a big game license and shall be able to provide proof satisfactory to the department of such honorable discharge.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Establishes a special open deer season for Louisiana residents who are honorably discharged veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces.

Proposed law establishes a special open deer hunting season for Louisiana residents who are honorably discharged veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces. Provides that the season shall be a weekend prior to the opening weekend of the regular gun season in all of the applicable zones and shall run concurrently with the youth hunt. Requires that veteran hold and be in possession of a basic hunting license and a big game license and be able to provide proof satisfactory to the department of such honorable discharge.

(Amends R.S. 56:116(D))