

Regular Session, 2011

HOUSE BILL NO. 169

BY REPRESENTATIVE HENRY

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

HUNTING: Authorizes the use of sound suppressors when taking nongame nuisance quadrupeds

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 56:116.1(D)(3), relative to hunting; to authorize the use of sound suppressors  
3 when taking nongame nuisance quadrupeds; and to provide for related matters.

4 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

5 Section 1. R.S. 56:116.1(D)(3) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

6 §116.1. Wild birds and wild quadrupeds; times and methods of taking; penalties

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10 (3) Except as provided in this Paragraph, any person who is authorized to  
11 possess a firearm sound suppressor, as evidenced by payment and possession of the  
12 required federal tax stamp issued by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and  
13 Explosives, may use a firearm fitted with a sound suppressor when taking outlaw  
14 quadrupeds, nutria, or beaver under the provisions of this Subsection. The  
15 provisions of this Paragraph shall not apply to any person who has been convicted  
16 of a class four or greater hunting violation for a period of five years after the date of  
17 such conviction. Possession or use of a sound suppressor by such person shall be  
18 considered a violation of this Paragraph and shall be punished as a class six violation  
19 in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 56:36.

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**DIGEST**

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**Abstract:** Authorizes the use of sound suppressors when taking nongame nuisance quadrupeds.

Present law authorizes the taking of outlaw quadrupeds, nutria, or beaver at any time of year.

Proposed law authorizes the use of a firearm fitted with a sound suppressor for such taking when the person taking the outlaw quadruped is authorized to possess such firearm fitted with a sound suppressor, as evidenced by possession of the federal tax stamp required by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. Prohibits use of a sound suppressor by any person convicted of a hunting violation class four or greater for five years after the date of conviction.

(Adds R.S. 56:116.1(D)(3))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment to the original bill.

1. Prohibits use of a sound suppressor by any person convicted of a hunting violation class four or greater for five years after the date of conviction.