

SENATE No. 2463

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
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SENATE, Monday, April 23, 2018

The committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, to whom was referred the petitions (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 433) of Anne M. Gobi, Susan Williams Gifford and John W. Scibak for legislation relative to bow and arrow hunting season; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 445) of Donald F. Humason, Jr. and Ryan C. Fattman for legislation relative to Sunday hunting; (accompanied by bill, House, No. 420) of Paul K. Frost relative to the powers and duties of the Director of the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife within the Department of Fisheries, Wildlife and Environmental Law Enforcement in the management and control of wildlife; and (accompanied by bill, House, No. 469) of William M. Straus for legislation to authorize bow and arrow hunting on Sundays,- reports the accompanying bill (Senate, No. 2463).

For the committee,
Anne M. Gobi

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An Act expanding the powers of the director of Fisheries and Wildlife.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Section 57 of chapter 131 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 official edition,
2 is hereby amended by inserting after the word “director”, in line 14, the following sentence:-
3 Notwithstanding, this section shall not prohibit the director, with the approval of the fisheries and
4 wildlife board, to authorize the hunting of deer by bow and arrow on any Sunday, provided that
5 such hunting shall only be permitted, subject to the authorization of the director, on property
6 designated as a wildlife management area, property under wildlife conservation easement, and
7 private property with prior authorization from the owner or tenant.