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SYNOPSIS

Authorizes deer hunting with bow and arrow on Sundays.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 3/6/2009)

1 AN ACT concerning the hunting of deer, and amending R.S.23:4-24.

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3 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
4 *of New Jersey:*

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6 1. R.S.23:4-24 is amended to read as follows:

7 23:4-24. a. No person shall hunt with a hound or with firearms
8 or weapons of any kind, or carry a gun in the woods or fields or on
9 the waters on Sunday, under a penalty of **[\$20.00]** \$50 for each
10 offense; except that this section shall not apply to :

11 (1) any person hunting raccoon between midnight on Saturday
12 and sunrise on Sunday during the season prescribed in **[section]**
13 **R.S.23:4-1 [of this Title or to];**

14 (2) a person possessing a valid and proper rifle permit licensed to
15 trap fur-bearing animals pursuant to the provisions of R.S.23:3-1
16 using a .22 caliber rifle and .22 caliber short rimfire cartridges to
17 humanely dispatch legally trapped animals; or

18 (3) a person using a bow and arrow to hunt deer during any bow
19 and arrow hunting season for deer prescribed by the State Fish and
20 Game Code, provided the person possesses a valid bow and arrow
21 license, or a valid "All Around Sportsman License" if applicable,
22 issued by the division, abides by all applicable provisions of the
23 code, and is hunting on a State wildlife management area or on
24 private property.

25 b. This section shall not prevent farm land owners, lessees
26 actually occupying or farming the land, members of their immediate
27 families, or their farm employees from hunting and destroying at
28 any time and in any manner crows, woodchuck, fox and vermin on
29 that land.

30 (cf: P.L.1996, c.97, s.1)

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32 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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35 STATEMENT

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37 This bill would authorize deer hunting with bow and arrow on
38 Sundays during any bow and arrow hunting season for deer
39 prescribed by the State Fish and Game Code, provided the hunting
40 is on a State wildlife management area or on private property. This
41 bill also raises from \$20 to \$50 the penalty for a violation of the no-
42 Sunday hunting prohibition.

43 Current law provides that there is a statutory prohibition against
44 hunting on Sundays. This bill would amend current law to

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

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1 authorize the hunting of deer with bow and arrow on Sundays
2 during any bow and arrow hunting season for deer prescribed by the
3 State Fish and Game Code, provided the person hunting possesses a
4 valid bow and arrow license, or a valid "All Around Sportsman
5 License" if applicable, issued by the Division of Fish and Wildlife,
6 and abides by all applicable provisions of the State Fish and Game
7 Code.