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SYNOPSIS

Removes statutory limitation on number of permits that may be issued by Division of Fish and Wildlife for the taking of beaver.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 2/13/2018)

1 AN ACT concerning the taking of beaver, and amending R.S.23:4-
2 55.

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

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7 1. R.S.23:4-55 is amended to read as follows:

8 23:4-55. No person shall trap, take, capture, kill or have in
9 possession a beaver, except as authorized by a valid permit issued
10 by the Division of Fish and Wildlife, and at a time and in a manner
11 prescribed by the State Fish and Game Code. In the absence of
12 provisions for a season and limit in the code, the season shall be
13 January 15 through and including February 15 of each year, and the
14 season limit shall be five beavers per permit. Permits shall expire
15 on the last day of the open season. **【The Division of Fish and**
16 **Wildlife may issue up to and not exceeding 200 permits in any one**
17 **calendar year.】**

18 The fee for **【this】** a permit **【is \$15.00. The penalty for**
19 **violating】** issued under this section shall be \$15. Any person who
20 violates the provisions of this section 【is】 shall be subject to pay a
21 fine of **【no】** not less than \$100 **【and no】** or more than \$200.

22 **【The】** In addition to the general permitting authority provided by
23 this section, the Division of Fish and Wildlife may, in its discretion,
24 issue permits to owners or lessees of land to control beavers that are
25 destroying **【said】** the property.

26 (cf: P.L.1999, c.412, s.1)

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28 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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33 This bill would grant the Division of Fish and Wildlife full
34 authority to issue permits as is necessary and appropriate to manage
35 the beaver resource in the State. In particular, the bill would
36 remove the current statutory restriction, which limits to 200 the
37 number of beaver trapping permits that may be issued by the
38 division in any one year.

39 The authority granted by this bill is consistent with the division's
40 existing authority to issue as many permits as it deems appropriate
41 in relation to the management of various other game species.

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.