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**SYNOPSIS**

Authorizes deer hunting with firearm on Sundays on private property.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As reported by the Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee with technical review.



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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 \$50 for each offense;  
10 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 R.S.23:4-1;

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

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

24       (4) a person using a firearm to hunt deer during any firearm  
25 hunting season for deer prescribed by the State Fish and Game  
26 Code, provided the person possesses a valid firearm hunting license,  
27 or a valid "All Around Sportsman License" if applicable, issued by  
28 the division, abides by all applicable provisions of the code, and is  
29 hunting on private property.

30       b. This section shall not prevent farm land owners, lessees  
31 actually occupying or farming the land, members of their immediate  
32 families, or their farm employees from hunting and destroying at  
33 any time and in any manner crows, woodchuck, fox and vermin on  
34 that land.

35 (cf: P.L.2009, c.48, s.1)

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37       2. This act shall take effect immediately.

**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.