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SYNOPSIS

Authorizes Sunday bow hunting on federal military installations and William J. Hughes Technical Center.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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AN ACT concerning hunting on federal military lands and amending 1 2 R.S.23:4-24. 3 4 BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State 5 of New Jersey: 6 7 1. R.S.23:4-24 is amended to read as follows: 8 23:4-24. a. No person shall hunt with a hound or with 9 firearms or weapons of any kind, or carry a gun in the woods or 10 fields or on the waters on Sunday, under a penalty of \$50 for each offense; except that this section shall not apply to: 11 12 (1) any person hunting raccoon between midnight on Saturday 13 and sunrise on Sunday during the season prescribed in R.S.23:4-1; 14 (2) a person possessing a valid and proper rifle permit licensed 15 to trap fur-bearing animals pursuant to the provisions of R.S.23:3-1 using a .22 caliber rifle and .22 caliber short rimfire cartridges to 16 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 license, or a valid "All Around Sportsman License" if applicable, 21 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, federal military land, subject to proper approval 25 granted by the appropriate federal military installation, or the 26 William J. Hughes Technical Center in Galloway Township, 27 Atlantic County, subject to proper approval granted by the 28 administrative authority of the William J. Hughes Technical Center. 29 b. This section shall not prevent farm land owners, lessees 30 actually occupying or farming the land, members of their immediate 31 families, or their farm employees from hunting and destroying at any time and in any manner crows, woodchuck, fox and vermin on 32 33 that land. (cf: P.L.2009, c.48, s.1) 34 35 36 2. This act shall take effect immediately. 37 38 39 **STATEMENT** 40 This bill, would authorize Sunday bow hunting on federal 41 42 military land, subject to approval by the appropriate federal military 43 installation, and on the William J. Hughes Technical Center in 44 Galloway Township, Atlantic County, subject to proper approval by 45 the administrative authority of the technical center.

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 <u>thus</u> is new matter.

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Under current State law, hunting is prohibited on Sundays, with
certain limited exceptions. Although federal agencies may permit
hunting on their lands, these agencies are subject to both State and
federal laws regarding hunting. Thus, an individual may not hunt
on federal military installations in the State or on the William J.
Hughes Technical Center on Sundays.

7 This bill, would amend current law to authorize bow and arrow 8 hunting of deer on Sundays on federal military lands and on the 9 William J. Hughes Technical Center, a Federal Aviation Administration facility, during any bow and arrow hunting season 10 for deer prescribed by the State Fish and Game Code, provided the 11 person hunting possesses a valid bow and arrow license, or a valid 12 13 "All Around Sportsman License," issued by the Division of Fish 14 and Wildlife, and abides by all applicable provisions of the State 15 Fish and Game Code.