

P.L. 1997, CHAPTER 424, *approved January 19, 1998*
Assembly Committee Substitute (*First Reprint*) for
Assembly, No. 1933

1 AN ACT concerning hunting with bait, and supplementing Title 23 of
2 the Revised Statutes.

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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. a. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 1 and section 2 of
8 P.L.1970, c.180 (C.23:4-24.2 and C.23:4-24.3) ¹[or any other law or
9 regulation to the contrary]¹, a person may: (1) use bait to attract,
10 entice, or lure a deer; and (2) kill, destroy, injure, shoot, shoot at,
11 take, wound, or attempt to take, kill, or wound, a deer, or have in
12 possession or control any firearm or other weapon of any kind for such
13 purposes, within any distance of a baited area. A person may be
14 elevated in a standing tree or in a structure of any kind when using a
15 baited area for hunting deer, and the baited area may be within any
16 distance of the standing tree or structure.

17 The provisions of this subsection shall not apply in counties of the
18 first class except in such game management zones therein as may be
19 designated therefor by the Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife and
20 approved by the Fish and Game Council. ¹The provisions of this
21 subsection shall expire within eighteen months from the effective date
22 of this act.¹

23 b. For the purposes of this section, "baited area" means the
24 presence of placed, exposed, deposited, distributed, or scattered
25 agricultural products, salt, or other edible lure whatsoever capable of
26 attracting, enticing, or luring deer.

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

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹ **Assembly amendments adopted in accordance with Governor's recommendations January 12, 1998.**

1 ¹[2. The Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife shall report to the
2 Fish and Game Council, the Department of Agriculture and the
3 Legislature no later than three years after the effective date of this act
4 on the effects of the provisions of section 1 of this act on controlling
5 the excess deer population.]¹

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7 ¹[3.] 2.¹ This act shall take effect immediately.

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12 Expands conditions allowed for use of bait when hunting deer.