

SENATE, No. 1335

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED JUNE 20, 1996

By Senators CAFIERO and HAINES

1 AN ACT concerning permits issued to control crop damage caused by
2 deer and supplementing Title 23 of 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. Notwithstanding any law, rule, regulation, or provision of the
8 State Fish and Game Code to the contrary, whenever a permit is issued
9 by the State to a person to kill deer causing crop damage, it shall be
10 lawful for the permittee or authorized agent thereof, for the purposes
11 authorized by the permit and only while on the land or lands owned or
12 leased by that person and for which the permit is issued, to:

13 a. Kill either sex deer at any time of day or night;

14 b. Discharge a firearm from a motor vehicle or any other kind of
15 vehicle;

16 c. Transport, possess, have in the permittee's or agent's control,
17 or keep firearms uncased, loaded, and outside the trunk while in or on
18 a motor vehicle or any other kind of vehicle;

19 d. Utilize an illuminating device or devices, including but not
20 limited to a spotlight, flashlight, floodlight, or headlight, whether
21 portable or fixed to a motor vehicle or any other kind of vehicle, to
22 locate and stun deer; and

23 e. Be assisted by the use of a driver for the motor vehicle or other
24 kind of vehicle, and by a person or persons operating the illuminating
25 device or devices, none of whom shall be required to possess a
26 firearms purchaser identification card while providing such assistance.

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28 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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33 This bill would provide that whenever a permit is issued by the
34 State to a person to kill deer causing crop damage, it shall be lawful
35 for the permittee or authorized agent thereof, for the purposes
36 authorized by the permit and only while on the land or lands owned or
37 leased by that person and for which the permit is issued, to:

1 (1) Kill either sex deer at any time of day or night;

2 (2) Discharge a firearm from a motor vehicle or any other kind of
3 vehicle;

4 (3) Transport, possess, have in the permittee's or agent's control,
5 or keep firearms uncased, loaded, and outside the trunk while in or on
6 a motor vehicle or any other kind of vehicle;

7 (4) Utilize an illuminating device or devices, including but not
8 limited to a spotlight, flashlight, floodlight, or headlight, whether
9 portable or fixed to a motor vehicle or any other kind of vehicle, to
10 locate and stun deer; and

11 (5) Be assisted by the use of a driver for the motor vehicle or other
12 kind of vehicle, and by a person or persons operating the illuminating
13 device or devices, none of whom shall be required to possess a
14 firearms purchaser identification card while providing such assistance.

15 This bill is necessary to help farmers effectively control massive
16 crop damage caused by the very large deer population throughout the
17 State. Current regulations impose too many restrictive conditions
18 upon the use of special deer permits issued to farmers, thus
19 significantly inhibiting their ability to achieve the desired goal of
20 saving their crops from destruction and preventing the serious
21 economic losses that result therefrom. This bill would make it easier
22 for farmers to protect their farms from deer damage by removing some
23 of the permit conditions currently imposed.

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28 Removes certain conditions imposed on permits to kill deer causing
29 crop damage.