

July 16, 1997

Honorable Alfred W. Speer  
Clerk of the House of Representatives  
State Capitol  
Baton Rouge, LA 70804

RE: HOUSE BILL NO. 1316 BY REPRESENTATIVE KENNEY AND SENATOR  
ROBICHAUX

To enact R.S. 56:108, relative to hunting; to provide relative to the taking of deer; to prohibit the taking of doe for three years under certain circumstances; to provide penalties; and to provide for related matters.

Dear Mr. Speer:

House Bill No. 1316 prohibits the hunting of doe during certain times in certain parishes and certain precincts within some parishes. Enforcement personnel in the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries have expressed serious concern as to their ability to enforce the provisions of the bill as precincts may not be described by major highways and water bodies leading to uncertainty as to where deer may be legally taken or not taken. Additionally, they expressed significant concern that wildlife populations are far better managed based on habitat criteria, population dynamics and the expertise of the biologist associated with the area. For these reasons, I am vetoing House Bill 1316 and returning it to you.

Sincerely,

M.J. "Mike" Foster, Jr.

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