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ACT No. 215

2022 Regular Session

House Bill No. 422

By RepresentativeS Stefanski and Schamerhorn

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 56:116.1(A)(6) and to enact R.S. 56:8(153) and 116.3(H), relative to the taking of deer by pre-charged pneumatic devices; to provide for definitions; to provide for methods of taking; to provide for requirements and restrictions; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 56:116.1(A)(6) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 56:8(153) and 116.3(H) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§8. Definitions

For purposes of this Chapter, the following words and phrases have the meaning ascribed to them in this Section, unless the context clearly shows a different meaning:

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(153) “Pre-charged pneumatic device” means any air gun that fires projectiles, including arrows or bolts, pneumatically with unignited compressed air or other gases that are mechanically pressurized without involving any chemical reactions.

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§116.1. Wild birds and wild quadrupeds; times and methods of taking; penalties

A. Resident game birds, outlaw birds, game quadrupeds, and outlaw quadrupeds may be taken only in accordance with all of the following:

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With a bow and arrow, crossbow, rifle, handgun, pre-charged pneumatic device, falconry, or a shotgun not larger than a No. 10 gauge fired from the shoulder without a rest, except as otherwise provided in this Chapter.

§116.3. Special provisions applicable to deer and bear; times and methods of taking; penalties

H. Deer may be taken with pre-charged pneumatic devices only in accordance with the following:

(1) Pre-charged pneumatic devices must fire a projectile of at least thirty caliber in diameter and at least one hundred fifty grains in weight with a minimum muzzle velocity of eight hundred feet per second or any combination of bullet weight and muzzle velocity that produces muzzle energy of at least two hundred fifteen foot pounds of energy.

(2) Arrows or bolts used with a pre-charged pneumatic device shall conform to the same standards and requirements as provided for in this Section and may be used to hunt deer only during modern firearm deer season.

Section 2. The Louisiana State Law Institute is hereby authorized and directed to renumber in consecutive sequence and to reorder the definitions in R.S. 56:8(153) in alphabetical sequence.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _______________________

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