

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 456

BY REPRESENTATIVE HAZEL

HUNTING: Authorizes shooting a bear in self-defense

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 56:116.3(H), relative to shooting a bear; to authorize shooting a bear in self-
3 defense; and to provide for related matters.

4 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

5 Section 1. R.S. 56:116.3(H) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

6 §116.3. Special provisions applicable to deer and bear; times and methods of taking;
7 penalties

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9 H. Notwithstanding any prohibition contained in this Section, if a hunter
10 reasonably believes that he is in imminent danger of losing his life or receiving great
11 bodily harm and that the killing is necessary to save himself from that danger he may
12 shoot or kill a bear.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes shooting a bear in self-defense.

Present law provides generally with respect to hunting or shooting bears. Prohibits the use of certain means of hunting or shooting bears. Prohibits penalties for possessing illegally taken bear or bear killed out of season.

Proposed law authorizes shooting a bear in self-defense.

(Amends R.S. 56:116.3(H))