2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 714

## BY REPRESENTATIVE HAVARD

## HUNTING/SEASONS: Sets turkey hunting season dates

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 56:115(A), relative to turkey hunting; to provide for turkey
3	season dates; and to provide for related matters.
4	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
5	Section 1. R.S. 56:115(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
6	§115. Wild birds and wild quadrupeds; adoption of seasons, and bag and possession
7	limits; rules and regulations; penalties
8	A. The Except as otherwise provided by this Subsection, the commission is
9	hereby specifically authorized, directed, and empowered to fix, approve, and adopt
10	seasons and bag and possession limits and to establish other rules and regulations for
11	the hunting, taking, possession, or protection of any species or sex of wild
12	quadrupeds and wild birds, in any specified locality or localities of the state. Such
13	rules The season for hunting turkey shall be opened annually by the commission no
14	later than March fifteenth and closed no earlier than May first. Rules and regulations
15	promulgated pursuant to this Section shall have the full force and effect of law to the
16	same extent as statutory laws.
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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Requires the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to annually open turkey hunting season no later than March 15<sup>th</sup> and to close the season no earlier than May 1<sup>st</sup>.

<u>Present law</u> authorizes the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to set season and bag and possession limits and establish rules and regulations for the hunting, taking, possession, or protection of any species or sex of wild quadrupeds and wild birds, in any specified locality or localities of the state.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires the commission to annually open turkey hunting season no later than March 15<sup>th</sup> and to close the season no earlier than May 1<sup>st</sup>.

(Adds R.S. 56:115(A))