

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Prior law required a dog to be leashed and provided that a leashed dog may be used to trail and retrieve wounded or unrecovered deer during legal hunting hours. Additionally, required the tracking dog to have a collar with the owner's name, address, and phone number. Prohibited a person from possessing a firearm while accompanying a dog after legal hunting hours. New law removes the requirement for a dog to be leashed to track a wounded deer, provided the dog has a GPS tracking collar.

New law authorizes a licensed hunter to pursue a mortally wounded deer and dispatch the deer if it is found alive.

New law authorizes a hunter tracking a mortally wounded deer to use lights and a tracking dog, except in a wildlife management area.

New law provides for handgun requirements used for the dispatch of a wounded deer, discovered alive after legal hunting hours, by a licensed hunter or tracker.

New law specifies that a licensed hunter or tracker may pursue a mortally wounded deer onto private property if he has received verbal or written permission from the landowner.

Effective August 1, 2024.

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