

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE BILL NO. 215

BY REPRESENTATIVE HENSGENS

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

HUNTING: Prohibits hunting deer while the animal is swimming or the hunter is in a vessel

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 56:116.3(A)(1)(c), relative to hunting animals; to prohibit taking  
3 deer while the animal is swimming or the hunter is in a vessel; and to provide for  
4 related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 56:116.3(A)(1)(c) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as  
7 follows:

8 §116.3. Special provisions applicable to deer and bear; times and methods of taking;  
9 penalties

10 A.(1) No person shall do any of the following:

11 \* \* \*

12 (c) Take deer while the deer are swimming or while the hunter is in a ~~boat~~  
13 ~~with motor attached in operating position; however, the restrictions in this Paragraph~~  
14 ~~shall not apply to any person who has lost one or more limbs~~ vessel, as defined in  
15 R.S. 34:851.2(10).

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**DIGEST**

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**Abstract:** Prohibits hunting deer during open deer season while the animal is swimming or the hunter is in a vessel.

Present law contains certain restrictions and prohibitions for deer hunting and hunting of other quadrupeds. Specifically prohibits taking deer while the deer are swimming or while the hunter is in a boat with a motor attached in operating position. Exempts persons who have lost one or more limbs.

Proposed law prohibits the taking of deer during open deer season while the animal is swimming or while the hunter is in a vessel. Defines vessel as a watercraft and air boat used as transportation on the water.

(Amends R.S. 56:116.3(A)(1)(c))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment to the original bill.

1. Remove the applicability of the bill to hunting outlaw quadrupeds.