

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 59

BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHAMERHORN

HUNTING: Allows hunting feral hogs, nutria, and beaver at night during deer season and repeals requirement for notification to the sheriff

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 56:116.1(D)(2), relative to hunting outlaw quadrupeds, nutria,
3 and beaver; to allow nighttime hunting of outlaw quadrupeds, nutria, and beaver on
4 private property at any time of the year; to repeal the requirement for notification to
5 the sheriff prior to such hunting at night; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 56:116.1(D)(2) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §116.1. Wild birds and wild quadrupeds; times and methods of taking; penalties

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12 (2) On private property, the landowner, or his lessee or agent with written
13 permission and the landowner's contact information in his possession, may take
14 outlaw quadrupeds, nutria, or beaver during nighttime hours ~~from one-half hour after~~
15 ~~official sunset on the last day of February to one-half hour after official sunset the~~
16 ~~last day of August of that same year.~~ Such taking may be with or without the aid of
17 artificial light, infrared or laser sighting devices, or night vision devices. ~~Any person~~
18 ~~attempting to take outlaw quadrupeds under the provisions of this Paragraph, within~~
19 ~~twenty-four hours prior to the attempted taking, shall notify the sheriff of the parish~~

1 in which the property is located of his intention to attempt to take outlaw quadrupeds
2 under the provisions of this Paragraph.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Allows nighttime hunting of outlaw quadrupeds, nutria, and beaver on private property at any time of the year without the requirement to notify the sheriff.

Present law allows taking outlaw quadrupeds, nutria, or beaver on private property during nighttime hours from one-half hour after official sunset on the last day of February to one-half hour after official sunset the last day of August of that same year. Requires written permission of the land owner and notification to the local sheriff at least twenty-four hours prior to such hunting at night.

Proposed law allows nighttime taking of outlaw quadrupeds, nutria, and beaver on private property year round. Retains the requirement for written permission by the land owner but removes the requirement for notification to the local sheriff at least twenty-four hours prior to such hunting.

(Amends R.S. 56:116.1(D)(2))