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HB 159 Engrossed

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McFarland

**Abstract:** Allows nighttime hunting of outlaw quadrupeds, nutria, and beaver on private property at any time of the year.

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 Feb. to one-half hour after official sunset the last day of Aug. of that same year. Requires written permission of the land owner and notification to the local sheriff at least 24 hours prior to such hunting at night.

Proposed law allows nighttime taking of outlaw quadrupeds, nutria, and beaver on private property year round. Retains requirement for written permission by the land owner and notification to the local sheriff at least 24 hours prior to such hunting. Adds an option to notify the local sheriff immediately after taking an animal at night. Prohibits any person convicted of a class three or greater wildlife violation within the previous five years or any person having any other prohibition which would prevent the legal use of a firearm or participation in a hunting activity from participating or being present during nighttime hunting activities.

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