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## DIGEST

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HB 422 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Authorizes the taking of deer with air guns and arrow guns.

Present law provides for the times and methods of taking of wild birds and wild quadrupeds. Further provides that resident game birds, outlaw birds, game quadrupeds, and outlaw quadrupeds may be taken only with a bow and arrow, crossbow, rifle, handgun, falconry, or a shotgun not larger than a No. 10 gauge fired from the shoulder without a rest.

Proposed law retains present law and adds pre-charged pneumatic devices to the list of acceptable methods of taking of wild birds and wild quadrupeds.

Present law provides for the times and methods of taking specific to deer and bear. Further provides that no person can hunt or shoot a deer or bear at any time with a firearm smaller than a .22 caliber centerfire, or a shotgun using a shell loaded with shot less than buckshot or rifled slug, or a bow with less than 30 pounds of pull, or other than arrows with broadhead points.

Proposed law retains present law and allows the taking of deer with a pre-charged pneumatic device with the following restrictions:

- (1) Any device must fire a projectile of at least 30 caliber in diameter and at least 150 grains in weight with a minimum muzzle velocity of 800 feet per second or any combination of bullet weight and muzzle velocity that produces muzzle energy of at least 215 foot pounds of energy.
- (2) Arrows or bolts must have broadhead points and can be used to hunt deer only during modern firearm deer season.

(Amends R.S. 56:116.1(A)(6); Adds R.S. 56:8(153) and 116.3(H))