

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 349

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCCORMICK

WILDLIFE & FISHERIES: Removes the need for a hunting license for the taking of outlaw quadrupeds, nutria, and beavers, and removes the requirement to contact the sheriff's office in relation to the taking of an outlaw quadruped, nutria, or beaver

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 56:116.1(A)(introductory paragraph) and (D)(1) and (2), relative  
3 to wild quadrupeds; to remove the license requirement to take outlaw quadrupeds,  
4 nutria, and beaver; to remove the requirement of notification to the sheriff of the  
5 intent to attempt to take outlaw quadrupeds, nutria, or beaver; and to provide for  
6 related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 56:116.1(A)(introductory paragraph) and (D)(1) and (2) are hereby  
9 amended and reenacted to read as follows:

10 §116.1. Wild birds and wild quadrupeds; times and methods of taking; penalties

11 A. Resident game birds, outlaw birds, and game quadrupeds, ~~and outlaw~~  
12 ~~quadrupeds~~ may be taken only in accordance with all of the following:

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14 D.(1) Outlaw quadrupeds, nutria, or beaver may be taken at any time of year  
15 from one-half hour before official sunrise to one-half hour after official sunset,  
16 without limit as to number, and without the requirement of a license, except by  
17 trapping during the closed season for nongame quadrupeds; however, such trapping  
18 may be used only under special permit issued by the department, except such

1 trapping of outlaw quadrupeds may be used without special permit in accordance  
2 with rules and regulations promulgated by the commission.

3 (2) On private property, the landowner, or his lessee or agent with written  
4 permission and the landowner's contact information in his possession, may take  
5 outlaw quadrupeds, nutria, or beaver during nighttime hours. However, no person  
6 shall be allowed to participate or be present during nighttime hunting activities if  
7 convicted of a class three or greater wildlife violation within the previous five years  
8 or if he has any other prohibition which would prevent the legal use of a firearm or  
9 participation in a hunting activity. Such taking may be with or without the aid of  
10 artificial light, infrared or laser sighting devices, or night vision devices. ~~Any person~~  
11 ~~attempting to take outlaw quadrupeds, nutria, or beaver under the provisions of this~~  
12 ~~Paragraph shall notify the sheriff of the parish in which the property is located of his~~  
13 ~~intention to attempt to take outlaw quadrupeds, nutria, or beaver within twenty-four~~  
14 ~~hours prior to the attempted taking or immediately upon taking the animal.~~

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#### DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Removes the need for a hunting license for the taking of feral hogs, armadillos, coyotes, nutria, and beavers, and removes the requirement of notification to the sheriff of an intention to attempt to take outlaw quadrupeds, nutria, or beaver.

Present law requires a license in order to take an outlaw quadruped. Proposed law modifies present law by removing the requirement of a license in order to take an outlaw quadruped, nutria, or beaver.

Present law requires any person attempting to take outlaw quadrupeds, nutria, or beaver to notify the sheriff of the parish in which the property is located of his intention to attempt to take outlaw quadrupeds, nutria, or beaver within 24 hours prior to the attempted taking or immediately upon taking the animal. Proposed law removes the requirement of notification to the sheriff.

(Amends R.S. 56:116.1(A)(intro. para.) and (D)(1) and (2))