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Abstract: Authorizes the use of dogs to retrieve mortally wounded deer.

Present law requires a dog to be leashed and provides that a leashed dog may be used to trail and retrieve wounded or unrecovered deer during legal hunting hours. Additionally, requires the tracking dog to have a collar with the owner's name, address, and phone number. Prohibits a person from possessing a firearm while accompanying a dog after legal hunting hours. Proposed law modifies present law by removing the requirement for the dog to be leashed to track a wounded deer, provided that certain conditions are met.

Proposed law provides for handgun requirements used for the dispatch of a wounded deer by a licensed hunter or tracker.

(Amends R.S. 56:116.3(G))