

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

**ACT 220 (HB 409)**

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**Firment**

Prior law defined the "process of taking" as any act related to, or in preparation for, the lawful taking of wildlife occurring on state-managed lands or waters governed by R.S. 56:781 through R.S. 56:787, which cover wildlife refuges, wildlife sanctuaries, wildlife management areas, public hunting grounds, and upland game preserves.

New law removes provision that limited the "process of taking" to property governed by R.S. 56:781 through R.S. 56:787, making the definition applicable to all state-managed lands and waters.

Prior law prohibited the harassment and disturbance of trappers, hunters, and fishermen on state-managed lands or waters governed by R.S. 56:781 through R.S. 56:787, which cover wildlife refuges, wildlife sanctuaries, wildlife management areas, public hunting grounds, and upland game preserves.

New law removes provision that limited the prohibition to property governed by R.S. 56:781 through R.S. 56:787, making the prohibition against harassment and disturbance of trappers, hunters, and fishermen apply to all state-managed lands and waters.

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(Amends R.S. 56:648(2) and 648.1(intro. para.))