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BY REPRESENTATIVE CARRIER

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

WILDLIFE & FISHERIES: Provides for deer sex identification requirements

1 AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 56:125(B), relative to sex identification of deer; to eliminate the

requirement for hunters to maintain sex identification of deer after tag validation;

and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 56:125(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§125. Possession of game quadrupeds; tags; deer carcasses

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B. Positive evidence of sex identification, including the head or sex organs, shall remain on any deer taken or killed within the state of Louisiana, or on all turkey taken or killed during any special gobbler season when killing of turkey hens is prohibited, so long as such deer or turkey is kept in camp or field, or is in en route to the domicile of its possessor, or until such deer or turkey has been stored at the domicile of its possessor or divided at a cold storage facility and has thus become identifiable as food rather than as wild game. Deer and turkey may be divided in camp or field but, in the event of such division, each portion shall be identified by the name, address, and license number of the person killing it and the sex of the animal; however, it is not necessary to affix the license number as required above to portions cut from the carcass immediately prior to their being consumed in camp.

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1 Evidence of sex identification of deer shall only be required to be maintained until

2 <u>the deer tag is validated.</u>

DIGEST

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Abstract: Eliminates the requirement for hunters to maintain sex identification of deer after tag validation.

<u>Present law</u> requires that evidence of the sex identification of deer and turkeys be maintained even after the tag is validated.

<u>Proposed law</u> removes the requirement that evidence of the sex identification of deer be maintained after the validation of the tag but retains the requirement for turkeys.

(Amends R.S. 56:125(B))