

Regular Session, 2011

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 77

BY REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMANN

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to study adding revolvers with a cylinder capacity of no more than six cartridges, either single or double action, .44 caliber minimum of a type manufactured prior to 1900 to the list of firearms authorized to use during the special deer hunting season for primitive firearms.

WHEREAS, Louisiana is rich in the natural resource of flora and fauna that provides opportunities for our citizens to enjoy the outdoors' plentiful hunting opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of Louisiana requires the legislature to enact laws to protect, conserve, and replenish insofar as possible and consistent with the health, safety, and welfare of the people and the natural resources of the state; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of that purpose, Act No. 51 of the 2008 Regular Session of the Legislature was enacted, which authorized the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish a special deer season for primitive firearms; and

WHEREAS, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission established such season through their rulemaking authority along with the authorized primitive firearms which include muzzleloader or cap and ball cylinder rifles and pistols with a minimum .44 caliber and single-shot breech-loading rifles with a minimum of .38 caliber of a type manufactured prior to 1900; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the legislature that this natural resource be utilized by the maximum number of our citizens without significantly degrading the quantity or quality of our state's deer populations; and

WHEREAS, expanding the list of primitive firearms to include revolvers with a cylinder capacity of no more than six cartridges, either single or double action, .44 caliber minimum of a type manufactured prior to 1900 will provide greater opportunities for our citizens to participate in the special deer season for primitive firearms.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to study adding revolvers with a cylinder capacity of no more than six cartridges, either single or double action, .44 caliber minimum of a type manufactured prior to 1900 to the list of firearms authorized to use during the special deer hunting season for primitive firearms.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE