Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE BILL NO. 502

BY REPRESENTATIVES BURFORD AND HOWARD

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana. HUNTING: Allows night hunting of nuisance animals year-round on private property

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 56:116.1(D)(2), relative to taking of outlaw quadrupeds; to
3	authorize taking outlaw quadrupeds at night on private property year-round with or
4	without dogs; and to provide for related matters.
5	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
6	Section 1. R.S. 56:116.1(D)(2) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
7	§116.1. Wild birds and wild quadrupeds; times and methods of taking; penalties
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11	(2) On private property, the landowner, or his lessee or agent with written
12	permission and the landowner's contact information in his possession, may take
13	outlaw quadrupeds, nutria, or beaver during nighttime hours from one-half hour after
14	official sunset on the last day of February to one-half hour after official sunset the
15	last day of August of that same year at any time of year and may do so with or
16	without the aid of dogs. Such taking may be with or without the aid of artificial
17	light, infrared or laser sighting devices, or night vision devices. Any person
18	attempting to take outlaw quadrupeds under the provisions of this Paragraph, within
19	twenty-four hours prior to the attempted taking, shall notify the sheriff of the parish

- 1 in which the property is located of his intention to attempt to take outlaw quadrupeds
- 2 under the provisions of this Paragraph.
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DIGEST

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Abstract: Allows the year-round taking on private property of outlaw quadrupeds, nutria, and beaver at night with or without dogs.

<u>Present law</u>, on private property, authorizes the taking of outlaw quadrupeds, nutria, and beaver at night from the beginning of March through Aug. by the landowner or his lessee or agent, with written permission and the landowner's contact information. Requires notification to the parish sheriff at least 24 hours ahead of time of the intent to do so.

<u>Proposed law</u> removes the requirement that a lessee or the landowner's agent have possession of written permission from the landowner, with his contact information.

<u>Proposed law</u> allows such hunting all year and with or without the aid of dogs. Retains notification requirement to the parish sheriff.

(Amends R.S. 56:116.1(D)(2))