

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 159

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND

WILDLIFE & FISHERIES: Allows nighttime hunting of outlaw quadrupeds, nutria, and beaver on private property at any time of the year

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 56:116.1(D)(2), relative to hunting outlaw quadrupeds, nutria,
3 and beaver; to allow nighttime hunting of outlaw quadrupeds, nutria, and beaver on
4 private property at any time of the year; 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.~~ However, no person shall be allowed to
16 participate or be present during nighttime hunting activities if convicted of a class
17 three or greater wildlife violation within the previous five years or if they have any
18 other prohibition which would prevent the legal use of a firearm or participation in
19 a hunting activity. Such taking may be with or without the aid of artificial light,
20 infrared or laser sighting devices, or night vision devices. Any person attempting to

1 take outlaw quadrupeds, nutria, or beaver under the provisions of this Paragraph,
 2 shall notify the sheriff of the parish in which the property is located of his intention
 3 to attempt to take outlaw quadrupeds, nutria, or beaver within twenty-four hours
 4 prior to the attempted taking or immediately upon taking the animal. ~~shall notify~~
 5 ~~the sheriff of the parish in which the property is located of his intention to attempt~~
 6 ~~to take outlaw quadrupeds under the provisions of this Paragraph.~~

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Allows nighttime hunting of outlaw quadrupeds, nutria, and beaver on private property at any time of the year.

Present law allows taking outlaw quadrupeds, nutria, or beaver on private property during nighttime hours from one-half hour after official sunset on the last day of Feb. to one-half hour after official sunset the last day of Aug. of that same year. Requires written permission of the land owner and notification to the local sheriff at least 24 hours prior to such hunting at night.

Proposed law allows nighttime taking of outlaw quadrupeds, nutria, and beaver on private property year round. Retains requirement for written permission by the land owner and notification to the local sheriff at least 24 hours prior to such hunting. Adds an option to notify the local sheriff immediately after taking an animal at night. Prohibits any person convicted of a class three or greater wildlife violation within the previous five years or any person having any other prohibition which would prevent the legal use of a firearm or participation in a hunting activity from participating or being present during nighttime hunting activities.

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