

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 186

BY REPRESENTATIVES HENRY, HENRY BURNS, CARMODY, COX, FOIL, AND THOMPSON

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 56:116.1(B)(3), to enact R.S. 56:116.6, and to repeal R.S.
3 56:116.1(D)(3), relative to hunting; to provide for hunting game birds, wild
4 quadrupeds, outlaw quadrupeds, nutria, and beaver; to provide for hunting with
5 sound suppressing devices; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 56:116.1(B)(3) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 56:116.6
8 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §116.1. Wild birds and wild quadrupeds; times and methods of taking; penalties

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11 B. No person shall do any of the following:

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13 (3) Take or kill any game bird or wild quadruped with a firearm ~~fitted with~~
14 ~~any device to deaden or silence the sound of the discharge thereof; or fitted with an~~
15 ~~infrared sight, laser sight or except as provided in Paragraph (A)(8) or (D)(2) of this~~
16 ~~Section, any sighting device which projects a beam of light to the target or otherwise~~
17 ~~electronically illuminates the target, or any device specifically designed to enhance~~
18 ~~vision at night; or with or by means of an automatic loading or hand operated~~
19 ~~repeating shotgun capable of holding more than three shells. Any shotgun capable~~
20 ~~of holding more than three shells shall be plugged with a one-piece filler incapable~~
21 ~~of removal through the loading end, so as to reduce the capacity of the gun to not~~
22 ~~more than three shells at one loading.~~

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1 §116.6. Sound suppressors

2 Any person who is authorized to possess a firearm sound suppressor, as
3 evidenced by payment and possession of the required federal tax stamp issued by the
4 Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, may use a firearm fitted with
5 a sound suppressor when taking game birds, wild quadrupeds, outlaw quadrupeds,
6 nutria, or beaver as provided by R.S. 56:116.1. Any person who has been convicted
7 of a class four or greater hunting violation for a period of five years after the date of
8 such conviction shall not use a firearm fitted with a sound suppressor pursuant to this
9 Section. Possession or use of a sound suppressor by a person other than as permitted
10 by this Section shall be considered in violation of this Section and shall be punished
11 as a class six violation in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 56:36.

12 Section 2. R.S. 56:116.1(D)(3) is hereby repealed in its entirety.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____