

Existing law prohibits the use of an infrared or laser sighting device when hunting deer or turkey.

New law provides an exception to existing law: authorizes a person holding a physically challenged hunter permit who, after treatment or correction, has impairment of visual functioning and has a visual acuity of equal to or less than 20/200 to light perception, or a visual field of less than 10 degrees, to use a laser sighting device when hunting deer or turkey. Requires certification by a Louisiana-licensed optometrist or ophthalmologist. Requires the hunter to be accompanied by another licensed hunter and provides that only the person holding the physically challenged hunter permit may discharge the firearm.

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(Amends R.S. 56:116.1(B)(4); Adds R.S. 56:116.1(A)(8))