

ACT No. 229

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HOUSE BILL NO. 186

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AN ACT

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

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

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

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B. No person shall do any of the following:

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