SLS 24RS-328 ORIGINAL

2024 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 69

BY SENATOR KLEINPETER

HUNTERS/HUNTING. Provides for turkey hunting. (8/1/24)

1	AN ACT
2	To enact R.S. 56:116.4(C)(1)(c) and (E), relative to turkey hunting; to provide for maturity
3	limits; to provide for youth turkey hunting special season; to provide for take limits;
4	and to provide for related matters.
5	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
6	Section 1. R.S. 56:116.4(C)(1)(c) and (E) are hereby enacted to read as follows:
7	§116.4. Special Provisions applicable to turkey; times and methods of taking;
8	penalties
9	* * *
10	C.(1) No person shall hunt or take any of the following:
11	* * *
12	(c) Except as provided in Subsection E of this Section, juvenile male
13	turkeys, known as jakes, which exhibit a beard length of less than six inches.
14	* * *
15	E. The commission may establish a special open turkey hunting season
16	for youths under eighteen years of age. Properly licensed resident and
17	nonresident youths may participate in this special season. Any youth

participating in the special season shall be accompanied by one adult eighteen
years of age or older, but only the youth may participate in the actual hunting.

Each youth participating in the special season may take one juvenile male
turkey, known as a jake, that exhibits a beard length of less than six inches, in
any single special season.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jacob K. Wilson.

DIGEST

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Present law provides for certain restrictions on the taking of turkeys.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and prohibits the taking of a juvenile male turkey with a beard length under six inches, unless the turkey is taken by a properly licensed youth hunter participating in a special turkey season for youths.

Effective August 1, 2024.

(Adds R.S. 56:116.4(C)(1)(c) and (E))