

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 164

BY REPRESENTATIVE BILLINGS

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

WILDLIFE & FISHERIES: Provides relative to mallard hunting licenses for hunting preserves

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 56:651, relative to hunting preserves; to provide for licensing for
3 a hunting preserve outside the coastal zone; and to provide for related matters.

4 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

5 Section 1. R.S. 56:651 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

6 §651. License

7 Any person, firm, or corporation desiring to establish, maintain, or operate
8 a hunting preserve within the state of Louisiana to permit the releasing and shooting
9 or taking of pen-raised quail and pen-raised mallard by the public for a fee or
10 otherwise may apply to the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission for a
11 license to do so, and said commission is hereby authorized to issue such an applicant
12 a license for that purpose, upon the conditions set out. The licenses for pen-raised
13 mallard shall only be issued to hunting preserves located outside of the coastal zone
14 encompassing the area south of Interstate 10 from the Texas state line to Baton
15 Rouge, south of Interstate 12 from Baton Rouge to Slidell, and south of Interstate 10
16 from Slidell to the Mississippi state line, with the exception for hunting preserves
17 located within the coastal zone north of Highway 90 that were licensed as a hunting
18 preserve in the 2024 license year.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for a license to be issued to pen-raised quail and pen-raised mallard hunting preserves outside of the coastal zone.

Present law provides for the La. Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to issue licenses for hunting preserves within the state to permit the releasing and shooting or taking of pen-raised quail and pen-raised mallards.

Proposed law provides that the licenses be issued only outside the coastal zone except for hunting preserves within the coastal zone north of Hwy. 90 that were licensed as a hunting preserve in the 2024 license year.

(Amends R.S. 56:651)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment to the original bill:

1. Change the applicable date for which the hunting preserve was licensed from prior to Jan. 1, 2025 to in the 2024 license year.
2. Make technical change.