
DIGEST

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Abstract: Prohibits wildlife enforcement agents from conducting inspections without first obtaining a search warrant.

Present law allows any commissioned wildlife enforcement agent of the enforcement division to visit, inspect, and examine, with or without search warrant, records, any cold storage plant, warehouse, boat, store, car, conveyance, automobile or other vehicle, airplane or other aircraft, basket or other receptacle, or any place of deposit for wild birds, wild quadrupeds, fish, or other aquatic life or any parts thereof whenever there is probable cause to believe that a violation has occurred.

Proposed law removes the provision of present law that allows for inspections or examinations to be performed without a search warrant.

Present law authorizes commissioned wildlife enforcement agents of the enforcement division to visit or inspect at frequent intervals without the need of search warrants to determine whether any laws or regulations under the jurisdiction of the dept. have been violated and to bring a case in any court of competent jurisdiction.

Proposed law removes the provision of present law that allows commissioned wildlife agents of the enforcement division to visit or inspect without the need of a search warrant.

(Amends R.S. 56:55)