

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE BILL NO. 324

BY SENATOR LAFLEUR

HUNTERS/HUNTING. Allows the year-round taking of outlaw quadrupeds, nutria, or beaver during nighttime hours on private property. (8/1/14)

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 56:116.1(D)(2), relative to the taking of certain wild quadrupeds; to authorize the year-round taking of outlaw quadrupeds, nutria, or beaver at night on private property; to provide terms, conditions, and requirements; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 56:116.1(D)(2) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

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

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(2) On private property, the landowner, or his lessee or agent with written permission and the landowner's contact information in his possession, may take outlaw quadrupeds, nutria, or beaver during nighttime hours ~~from one-half hour after official sunset on the last day of February to one-half hour after official sunset the last day of August of that same year~~ **at any time of year**. Such taking may be with or without the aid of artificial light, infrared or laser sighting devices, or night vision

1 devices. Any person attempting to take outlaw quadrupeds under the provisions of
2 this Paragraph, within twenty-four hours prior to the attempted taking, shall notify
3 the sheriff of the parish in which the property is located of his intention to attempt
4 to take outlaw quadrupeds under the provisions of this Paragraph.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by McHenry Lee.

DIGEST

LaFleur (SB 324)

Present law allows the taking of outlaw quadrupeds, nutria and beaver at night from the beginning of March through Aug. on private property by the landowner or his lessee or agent, with written permission and the landowner's contact information. Requires notification to the parish sheriff 24 hours ahead of time of the intent to do so.

Proposed law allows such hunting all year. Retains the notification requirement to the sheriff.

Effective August 1, 2014.

(Amends R.S. 56:116.1(D)(2))