

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 353

BY REPRESENTATIVES BURFORD, HENRY BURNS, GUINN, AND THOMPSON
AND SENATOR BUFFINGTON

HUNTING: Allows year-round day or night hunting of hogs on private property

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 56:116.1(D)(2), relative to taking of outlaw quadrupeds, nutria,
3 and beaver; to allow the taking of feral hogs and coyotes at any time throughout the
4 year; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

7 §116.1. Wild birds and wild quadrupeds; times and methods of taking; penalties

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11 (2) On private property, the landowner, or his lessee or agent with written
12 permission and the landowner's contact information in his possession, may take
13 outlaw quadrupeds, nutria, or beaver during nighttime hours from one-half hour after
14 official sunset on the last day of February to one-half hour after official sunset the
15 last day of August of that same year: ; and, except for the use of dogs at night during
16 the period from September first through the last day of February, may take feral
17 hogs and coyotes by any means at any time of the year during nighttime hours. Such
18 taking may be with or without the aid of artificial light, infrared or laser sighting
19 devices, or night vision devices. Any person attempting to take outlaw quadrupeds
20 under the provisions of this Paragraph, within twenty-four hours prior to the

1 attempted taking, shall notify the sheriff of the parish in which the property is located
2 of his intention to attempt to take outlaw quadrupeds under the provisions of this
3 Paragraph.

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DIGEST

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Burford

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Abstract: Allows night taking of feral hogs on private property year round.

Present law allows taking of outlaw quadrupeds, nutria, and beaver on private property at night by the landowner or lessee or agent with written permission and the landowner's contact information on his person. Such taking is limited to the period of time from the last day of February to the last day of August each year.

Proposed law allows the nighttime taking of feral hogs and coyotes by any means, except with the use of dogs from Sept. 1 through the last day of Feb., on private property by the landowner or lessee or agent. Allows such taking at any time of the year, during nighttime hours.

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

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Prohibited hunting for feral hogs with dogs at night from Sept. 1 through the last day of Feb. on private property.

House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill.

1. Removed the reference to daylight hunting of hogs.
2. Added authorization to hunt coyotes at night on private property at any time of the year.