

Regular Session, 2010

SENATE BILL NO. 534

BY SENATOR HEBERT

PUBLIC LANDS. Allows the possession of firearms on certain public lands. (8/15/10)

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R. S. 56:109(C) and to enact R.S. 56:1691, relative to possession of firearms; to allow the possession of firearms on certain state lands; to provide terms and conditions; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 56:109(C) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 56:1691 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§109. Wildlife management areas; wildlife refuges; public hunting grounds and recreation areas; notice; signs; disabled hunters

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C. No person shall knowingly take, attempt to take, disturb, or destroy any wild bird or wild quadruped or the nest, egg, or young thereof on lands set apart as wildlife management areas and wildlife refuges, or have in his possession or keep, while on the lands, any ~~firearm~~, trap, snare, or other device capable of being used in the taking or disturbance of the birds or quadrupeds on such areas, unless the person previously has been expressly authorized by a permit from the department to do so and only for the purpose and under the conditions specified in the permit.

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§1691. Possession of firearms

A person who lawfully possesses a firearm may possess or transport such firearm within the boundaries of a state park, state historic site, state preservation area, wildlife management area, or wildlife refuge.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by J. W. Wiley.

DIGEST

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Present law prohibits the possession of a firearm while on wildlife management areas or wildlife refuges unless the person has a permit from the Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries.

Proposed law allows a person who lawfully possesses a firearm to possess or transport such firearm within the boundaries of a state park, state historic site, state preservation area, wildlife management area, or wildlife refuge.

Effective August 15, 2010.

(Amends R.S. 56:109(C); adds R.S. 56:1691)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Natural Resources to the original bill.

1. Adds wildlife management areas and wildlife refuges to places where a person can possess a firearm.