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HOUSE BILL NO. 294

BY REPRESENTATIVE THIBAUT

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

WILDLIFE/HABITAT: Provides for the taking of outlaw quadrupeds, nutria, and beaver

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 56:116.1(D), relative to hunting; to provide for the trapping of  
3 outlaw quadrupeds, nutria, or beaver; to provide for trapping of feral hogs; to provide  
4 for the method of such taking on private property; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 56:116.1(D) 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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9 D.(1) Outlaw quadrupeds, nutria, or beaver may be taken at any time of year  
10 from one-half hour before official sunrise to one-half hour after official sunset,  
11 without limit as to number, except by trapping during the closed season for nongame  
12 quadrupeds, ~~except that~~; however, such trapping ~~shall~~ may be used only under  
13 special permit issued by the department, except such trapping of feral hogs may be  
14 used without special permit in accordance with rules and regulations promulgated  
15 by the commission.

16 (2) On private property, the landowner, or his lessee or agent with written  
17 permission and the landowner's contact information in his possession, may take  
18 outlaw quadrupeds, nutria, or beaver during nighttime hours from one-half hour after  
19 official sunset on the last day of February to one-half hour after official sunset the  
20 last day of August of that same year. ~~The method of such~~ Such taking ~~shall be~~  
21 ~~limited to a shotgun not larger than a No. 10 gauge fired with buckshot or smaller or~~

1 ~~a standard .22 caliber rimfire firearm~~ and may be with or without the aid of artificial  
 2 light, infrared or laser sighting devices, or night vision devices. Any person  
 3 attempting to take outlaw quadrupeds under the provisions of this Paragraph, within  
 4 twenty-four hours prior to the attempted taking, shall notify the sheriff of the parish  
 5 in which the property is located of his intention to attempt to take outlaw quadrupeds  
 6 under the provisions of this Paragraph.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Authorizes the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to promulgate rules and regulations authorizing the trapping of feral hogs any time of year and remove firearm limitation on taking outlaw quadrupeds, nutria, and beaver on private property.

Present law authorizes the taking of outlaw quadrupeds, nutria, or beaver any time of year during daytime hours without limit, except for taking by means of trapping during closed season for nongame quadrupeds. Such trapping may be used under a special permit issued by the department.

Proposed law retains present law except authorizes the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to promulgate rules and regulations authorizing the trapping of feral hogs any time of year without a special permit.

Present law authorizes 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 between the last day of Feb. and Aug. 31 of that same year. Proposed law retains present law. Requires notification by the hunter to the parish sheriff within 24 hours prior to nighttime hunting on private property.

Present law limits the method of such taking shall be limited to a shotgun not larger than a No. 10 gauge fired with buckshot or smaller or a standard .22 caliber rimfire firearm.

Proposed law removes the limitation on the type of firearm used.

Present law provides such taking may be with or without the aid of artificial light, infrared or laser sighting devices, or night vision devices. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that resident game birds, outlaw birds, game quadrupeds, and outlaw quadrupeds may be taken only with a bow and arrow, crossbow, or rifle, or a handgun, or falconry, or a shotgun not larger than a No. 10 gauge fired from the shoulder without a rest, except as otherwise provided in present law. Proposed law retains present law.

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

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Requires notification by the hunter to the parish sheriff within 24 hours prior to nighttime hunting on private property.