Thibaut (HB 294) Act No. 95

<u>Existing law</u> 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.

<u>New law</u> 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.

<u>Existing law</u> 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.

<u>New law</u> requires notification by the hunter to the parish sheriff within 24 hours prior to nighttime hunting on private property.

<u>Prior law</u> limited 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.

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

<u>Existing law</u> provides such taking may be with or without the aid of artificial light, infrared or laser sighting devices, or night vision devices.

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