

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 186

BY REPRESENTATIVE HENRY

HUNTING: Provides for the use of sound suppressors in hunting

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 56:116.1(B)(3), to enact R.S. 56:116.6, and to repeal R.S.
3 56:116.1(D)(3), relative to hunting; to provide for hunting game birds, wild
4 quadrupeds, outlaw quadrupeds, nutria, and beaver; to provide for hunting with
5 sound suppressing devices; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 56:116.1(B)(3) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 56:116.6
8 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §116.1. Wild birds and wild quadrupeds; times and methods of taking; penalties

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11 B. No person shall do any of the following:

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13 (3) Take or kill any game bird or wild quadruped with a firearm ~~fitted with~~
14 ~~any device to deaden or silence the sound of the discharge thereof; or fitted with an~~
15 ~~infrared sight, laser sight or except as provided in Paragraph (A)(8) or (D)(2) of this~~
16 ~~Section,~~ any sighting device which projects a beam of light to the target or otherwise
17 electronically illuminates the target, or device specifically designed to enhance
18 vision at night; or with or by means of an automatic loading or hand operated
19 repeating shotgun capable of holding more than three shells. Any shotgun capable
20 of holding more than three shells shall be plugged with a one-piece filler incapable

1 of removal through the loading end, so as to reduce the capacity of the gun to not
2 more than three shells at one loading.

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4 §116.6. Sound suppressors

5 Any person who is authorized to possess a firearm sound suppressor, as
6 evidenced by payment and possession of the required federal tax stamp issued by the
7 Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, may use a firearm fitted with
8 a sound suppressor when taking game birds, wild quadrupeds, outlaw quadrupeds,
9 nutria, or beaver as provided by R.S. 56:116.1. Any person who has been convicted
10 of a class four or greater hunting violation for a period of five years after the date of
11 such conviction shall not use a firearm fitted with a sound suppressor pursuant to this
12 Section. Possession or use of a sound suppressor by a person other than as permitted
13 by this Section shall be considered in violation of this Section and shall be punished
14 as a class six violation in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 56:36.

15 Section 2. R.S. 56:116.1(D)(3) is hereby repealed in its entirety.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes hunting game birds and wild quadrupeds with firearms fitted with a sound suppressor.

Present law authorizes the use of a firearm fitted with a sound suppressor in hunting outlaw quadrupeds, nutria, or beaver.

Proposed law retains present law and expands the hunting with a firearm fitted with a sound suppressor to game birds and wild quadrupeds.

Present law limits hunting with a sound suppressor to a person authorized to possess such firearm fitted with a sound suppressor, as evidenced by possession of the federal tax stamp required by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. Prohibits use of a sound suppressor by any person convicted of a hunting violation class four or greater for five years after the date of conviction.

Proposed law retains present law.

(Amends R.S. 56:116.1(B)(3); Adds R.S. 56:116.6; Repeals R.S. 56:116.1(D)(3))