

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE BILL NO. 170

BY SENATOR LONG

WILDLIFE/FISHERIES DEPT. Provides relative to the release of certain game, fowl, or fish. (8/1/14)

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 56:20, relative to the release of certain game, fowl, or fish; to provide for the liberation of pen-raised or wild animal, fowl, or fish; to provide for the release of pen-raised turkeys and pheasants; to allow certain persons to take escaped or released pen-raised white-tailed deer and pen-raised or nonnative exotic cervid deer; to require certain biological testing; to provide terms, conditions, and requirements; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 56:20 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§20. Releasing game, fowl, or fish; permission; intrastate restocking; violations

A. No pen-raised or wild animal, fowl, or fish of any species from within or without the state shall be liberated within the state except upon written permission of the secretary. ~~No pen-raised turkey or pheasant from within or without the state shall be liberated within the state except upon written permission of the secretary.~~

B. No wild animal, ~~or fowl,~~ or fish of any species shall be transported for restocking purposes from a site within the state to any other site within the state except in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the commission.

1 C. (1) Any person licensed to take deer in this state, authorized
2 department personnel, or officer authorized to enforce the provisions of R.S.
3 56:112 may take escaped or released pen-raised white-tailed deer during the
4 regular open deer season.

5 (2) Any person licensed to take deer in this state, authorized department
6 personnel, or officer authorized to enforce the provisions of R.S. 56:112 may
7 take escaped or released pen-raised or nonnative exotic cervid deer species,
8 including but not limited to axis deer, fallow deer, sika deer, red deer, and elk,
9 year-round during daylight hours.

10 (3) The department shall be notified immediately upon the taking of any
11 white-tailed deer or cervid deer and the carcass shall be submitted to the
12 department for biological testing before being returned to the person.

13 **D.** Violations of the provisions of this Section shall constitute a class four
14 violation, as provided in R.S. 56:34.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by McHenry Lee.

DIGEST

Long (SB 170)

Present law prohibits the in state release of any pen-raised or wild animal, fowl, or fish from without the state except upon permission of the secretary of DWF.

Proposed law prohibits the in state release of any pen-raised or wild animal, fowl, or fish from within the state except upon permission of the secretary of DWF.

Present law prohibits the in state release of any pen-raised turkey or pheasant from within or without the state except upon permission of the secretary of DWF.

Proposed law removes present law.

Present law prohibits the transportation of any wild animal or fowl for restocking purposes except in accordance with the commission rules.

Proposed law adds fish to the list of animals prohibited from transporting for restocking purposes.

Proposed law allows certain individuals to take escaped or released pen-raised white-tailed deer during regular open deer season and to take escaped or released pen-raised or nonnative cervid deer species during daylight hours year-round. Further provides that the department must be notified immediately upon the taking of the animal and the carcass will be submitted for biological testing before being returned to the person.

Effective August 1, 2014.

(Amends R.S. 56:20)