

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(A) and (B), 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 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(A) and (B) are 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.

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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.

Effective August 1, 2014.

(Amends R.S. 56:20(A) and (B))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

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

1. Removes provision allowing certain persons to take escaped or released white-tailed deer, axis deer, fallow deer, sika deer, red deer, and elk.