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2015 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 167

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BY REPRESENTATIVE BURFORD

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

HUNTING: Allows year-round night hunting of hogs on private property

1 AN ACT 2 To amend and reenact R.S. 56:116.1(D)(2), relative to taking of outlaw quadrupeds, nutria, 3 and beaver; to allow the night taking of feral hogs and coyotes at any time 4 throughout the year; and to provide for related matters. 5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana: 6 Section 1. R.S. 56:116.1(D)(2) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows: 7 §116.1. Wild birds and wild quadrupeds; times and methods of taking; penalties 8 9 D. 10

(2) 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 from one-half hour after official sunset on the last first day of February to one-half hour after official sunset the last first day of August November of that same year. Such taking may be with or without the aid of artificial light, infrared or laser sighting devices, or night vision devices. Any person attempting to take outlaw quadrupeds under the provisions of this Paragraph, within twenty-four hours prior to the attempted taking, shall notify the sheriff of the parish in which the property is located of his intention to attempt to take outlaw quadrupeds under the provisions of this Paragraph. However, no

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person who has been convicted of a violation of the prohibition on hunting at night

shall be eligible to hunt outlaw quadrupeds, nutria, or beaver at night under the

provisions of this Paragraph.

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DIGEST

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HB 167 Reengrossed

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Abstract: Allows night taking of feral hogs on private property year-round.

<u>Present law</u> allows taking of outlaw quadrupeds, nutria, and beaver on private property at night by the landowner or lessee or agent with written permission and the landowner's contact information on his person. Such taking is limited to the period of time from the last day of Feb. to the last day of Aug. each year.

<u>Proposed law</u> limits the taking of outlaw quadrupeds, nutria, and beaver on private property at night to the time period from Feb. 1 through Nov. 1.

<u>Proposed law</u> prohibits any person who has a conviction for prohibited night hunting from being eligible to hunt outlaw quadrupeds, nutria, or beaver at night pursuant to <u>proposed law</u>.

(Amends R.S. 56:116.1(D)(2))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

- 1. Remove the authorization to hunt feral hogs and coyotes at night by any means except the use of dogs from Sept. 1 through the last day of Feb.
- 2. Change the <u>present law</u> dates when taking feral hogs at night is prohibited <u>from</u> Sept. 1 through the last day of Feb. <u>to</u> Nov. 1 through Feb. 1.
- 3. Restrict the eligibility to hunt outlaw quadrupeds, nutria, or beaver at night, in accordance with <u>proposed law</u>, to persons who have not been convicted of a violation of the prohibition on hunting at night.