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SYNOPSIS

Authorizes deer hunting with firearm on Sundays on private property.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 5/25/2018)

1 AN ACT concerning the hunting of deer and amending R.S.23:4-24.

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3 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
4 of New Jersey:

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6 1. R.S.23:4-34 is amended to read as follows:

7 23:4-24. a. No person shall hunt with a hound or with firearms
8 or weapons of any kind, or carry a gun in the woods or fields or on
9 the waters on Sunday, under a penalty of \$50 for each offense;
10 except that this section shall not apply to:

11 (1) any person hunting raccoon between midnight on Saturday
12 and sunrise on Sunday during the season prescribed in R.S.23:4-1;

13 (2) a person possessing a valid and proper rifle permit licensed
14 to trap fur-bearing animals pursuant to the provisions of R.S.23:3-1
15 using a .22 caliber rifle and .22 caliber short rimfire cartridges to
16 humanely dispatch legally trapped animals; **[or]**

17 (3) a person using a bow and arrow to hunt deer during any bow
18 and arrow hunting season for deer prescribed by the State Fish and
19 Game Code, provided the person possesses a valid bow and arrow
20 license, or a valid "All Around Sportsman License" if applicable,
21 issued by the division, abides by all applicable provisions of the
22 code, and is hunting on a State wildlife management area or on
23 private property; or

24 (4) a person using a firearm to hunt deer during any firearm
25 hunting season for deer prescribed by the State Fish and Game
26 Code, provided the person possesses a valid firearm hunting license,
27 or a valid "All Around Sportsman License" if applicable, issued by
28 the division, abides by all applicable provisions of the code, and is
29 hunting on private property.

30 b. This section shall not prevent farm land owners, lessees
31 actually occupying or farming the land, members of their immediate
32 families, or their farm employees from hunting and destroying at
33 any time and in any manner crows, woodchuck, fox and vermin on
34 that land.

35 (cf: P.L.2009, c.48, s.1)

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37 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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42 This bill would authorize deer hunting with a firearm on
43 Sundays, subject to certain requirements and restrictions. Current
44 law provides for a general statutory prohibition against hunting on
45 Sundays, with, however, certain limited exceptions. This bill would

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

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1 create an additional exception by authorizing Sunday deer hunting
2 with a firearm on private property during any firearm season for
3 deer prescribed by the State Fish and Game Code, provided that the
4 person hunting possesses a valid firearm hunting license, or a valid
5 “All Around Sportsman License” if applicable, and abides by all
6 applicable provisions of the State Fish and Game Code.