

SENATE, No. 1418

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
219th LEGISLATURE

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District 24 (Morris, Sussex and Warren)

SYNOPSIS

Authorizes Sunday bow hunting on federal military installations and William J. Hughes Technical Center.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning hunting on federal military lands and amending
2 R.S.23:4-24.

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

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7 1. R.S.23:4-24 is amended to read as follows:

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

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

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

18 (3) a person using a bow and arrow to hunt deer during any bow
19 and arrow hunting season for deer prescribed by the State Fish and
20 Game Code, provided the person possesses a valid bow and arrow
21 license, or a valid "All Around Sportsman License" if applicable,
22 issued by the division, abides by all applicable provisions of the
23 code, and is hunting on a State wildlife management area **[or on]** ,
24 private property, federal military land, subject to proper approval
25 granted by the appropriate federal military installation, or the
26 William J. Hughes Technical Center in Galloway Township,
27 Atlantic County, subject to proper approval granted by the
28 administrative authority of the William J. Hughes Technical Center.

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

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

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36 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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39 STATEMENT

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41 This bill would authorize Sunday bow hunting on federal
42 military installations, subject to approval by the appropriate federal
43 military installation, and on the William J. Hughes Technical Center
44 in Galloway Township, Atlantic County, subject to proper approval
45 by the administrative authority of the technical center.

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.

1 Under current State law, hunting is prohibited on Sundays, with
2 certain limited exceptions. Although federal agencies may permit
3 hunting on their lands, these agencies are subject to both State and
4 federal laws regarding hunting. Thus, an individual may not hunt
5 on federal military installations in the State or on the William J.
6 Hughes Technical Center on Sundays.

7 This bill would amend current law to authorize bow and arrow
8 hunting of deer on Sundays on federal military lands and on the
9 William J. Hughes Technical Center, a Federal Aviation
10 Administration facility, during any bow and arrow hunting season
11 for deer prescribed by the State Fish and Game Code, provided the
12 person hunting possesses a valid bow and arrow license, or a valid
13 “All Around Sportsman License,” issued by the Division of Fish
14 and Wildlife, and abides by all applicable provisions of the State
15 Fish and Game Code.