

SENATE BILL NO. 212

BY SENATORS WARD AND THOMPSON

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

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 56:116.1(E), relative to the times and methods of taking of wild birds and wild quadrupeds; to allow the carrying of certain firearms while hunting with a bow; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 56:116.1(E) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§116.1. Wild birds and wild quadrupeds; times and methods of taking; penalties

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E. Bowhunters may carry **any caliber of firearm** on their person; while hunting with a bow, ~~a pistol no larger than a .22 caliber with snake shot or rat shot ammunition for the purposes of killing snakes and rats.~~ **The provisions of this Subsection shall in no way be interpreted to limit the ability of the department to regulate hunting activities in a wildlife management area in accordance with R.S. 56:109.**

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Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____