

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 1284 (Substitute for House Bill No. 312 by Representative Thompson)

BY REPRESENTATIVE THOMPSON

HUNTING/DEER: Provides for a special season for Louisiana residents who have been honorably discharged from the U.S. Armed Forces

1 AN ACT

2 To amend R.S. 56:116(D), relative to deer hunting; to provide for a special deer hunting  
3 season for honorably discharged veterans who are Louisiana residents; and to  
4 provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 56:116(D) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §116. Wild birds and wild quadrupeds; special hunting seasons

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9 D.(1) The commission shall establish a special open deer hunting season for  
10 youth under eighteen years of age. The taking of deer in such a season shall be  
11 limited to a weekend prior to the opening weekend of the regular gun season in all  
12 of the applicable zones. Both resident and nonresident youths may participate in this  
13 special season. Any youth participating in the special youth hunting season shall be  
14 accompanied by one adult eighteen years of age or older, but only the youth may  
15 participate in the actual hunting. If the accompanying adult is in possession of a  
16 valid hunting license, or a hunter safety certificate, or proof of successful completion  
17 of a hunter safety course approved by the department, a youth under sixteen years  
18 of age shall not be required to have any of these items. However, if the  
19 accompanying adult is not in possession of any of these items, the youth shall be

1 required to have in his possession either a hunter safety certificate or proof of  
2 successful completion of a hunter safety course approved by the department. A  
3 youth who is sixteen or seventeen shall have in his possession a basic hunting license  
4 and a big game licence as required by law. The accompanying adult shall maintain  
5 visual and voice contact with the youth at all times.

6 (2) The commission shall establish a special open deer hunting season for  
7 Louisiana residents who are honorably discharged veterans of the United States  
8 Armed Forces. The taking of deer in such a season shall be limited to a weekend  
9 prior to the opening weekend of the regular gun season in all of the applicable zones  
10 and shall run concurrently with the open deer hunting season for youth provided for  
11 in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection. In order to qualify for the veterans special  
12 season, a veteran shall hold and be in possession of a basic hunting license and a big  
13 game license and shall be able to provide proof satisfactory to the department of such  
14 honorable discharge.

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#### DIGEST

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HB No. 1284

**Abstract:** Establishes a special open deer season for Louisiana residents who are honorably discharged veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces.

Proposed law establishes a special open deer hunting season for Louisiana residents who are honorably discharged veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces. Provides that the season shall be a weekend prior to the opening weekend of the regular gun season in all of the applicable zones and shall run concurrently with the youth hunt. Requires the veteran to hold and be in possession of a basic hunting license and a big game license and be able to provide proof satisfactory to the department of such honorable discharge.

(Amends R.S. 56:116(D))