

Regular Session, 2014

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

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

1 of age shall not be required to have any of these items. However, if the  
2 accompanying adult is not in possession of any of these items, the youth shall be  
3 required to have in his possession either a hunter safety certificate or proof of  
4 successful completion of a hunter safety course approved by the department. A  
5 youth who is sixteen or seventeen shall have in his possession a basic hunting license  
6 and a big game ~~licence~~ license as required by law. The accompanying adult shall  
7 maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times.

8 (2) The commission shall establish for 2014 a special open deer hunting  
9 season for Louisiana residents who are honorably discharged veterans of the United  
10 States Armed Forces. The commission may thereafter establish a special open deer  
11 hunting season for Louisiana residents who are honorably discharged veterans of the  
12 United States Armed Forces. The taking of deer in such a season shall be limited to  
13 a weekend prior to the opening weekend of the regular gun season in all of the  
14 applicable zones and shall run concurrently with the open deer hunting season for  
15 youth provided for in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection. In order to qualify for the  
16 veterans special season, a veteran shall hold and be in possession of a basic hunting  
17 license and a big game license and shall be able to provide proof satisfactory to the  
18 department of such honorable discharge.

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#### DIGEST

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Thompson

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**Abstract:** Establishes a special open deer season in 2014 for Louisiana residents who are honorably discharged veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces.

Proposed law requires the setting of a special open deer hunting season in 2014 for Louisiana residents who are honorably discharged veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces. Thereafter, proposed law authorizes the commission to thereafter establish a special open deer season for honorable discharged veterans. 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))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill.

1. Limited the bill to a season in 2014.
2. Authorized the commission to establish a special open deer season for honorably discharged veterans after 2014.