

# ACT No. 678

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

BY REPRESENTATIVES THOMPSON, ANDERS, ARMES, ARNOLD, BARROW, BERTHELOT, BILLIOT, BROADWATER, HENRY BURNS, BURRELL, CARMODY, CARTER, COX, CROMER, DIXON, DOVE, EDWARDS, FOIL, GAROFALO, GUINN, HARRIS, HARRISON, HAZEL, HENRY, HODGES, HOLLIS, IVEY, JEFFERSON, LEBAS, LEGER, LORUSSO, MACK, MONTOUCET, JAY MORRIS, ORTEGO, REYNOLDS, RITCHIE, SCHEXNAYDER, SCHRODER, SEABAUGH, ST. GERMAIN, TALBOT, AND WHITNEY AND SENATORS ADLEY, ALARIO, AMEDEE, BROOME, BROWN, BUFFINGTON, CLAITOR, CROWE, DORSEY-COLOMB, GUILLORY, JOHNS, MILLS, MURRAY, NEVERS, PERRY, GARY SMITH, JOHN SMITH, TARVER, THOMPSON, AND WARD

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  
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~~ license as required by law. The accompanying adult shall  
 5 maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times.

6 (2) The commission shall establish for 2014 a special open deer hunting  
 7 season on private property for Louisiana residents who are honorably discharged  
 8 veterans of the United States Armed Forces. The commission may thereafter  
 9 establish a special open deer hunting season for Louisiana residents who are  
 10 honorably discharged veterans of the United States Armed Forces. The taking of  
 11 deer in such a season shall be limited to a weekend prior to the opening weekend of  
 12 the regular gun season in all of the applicable zones and shall run concurrently with  
 13 the open deer hunting season for youth provided for in Paragraph (1) of this  
 14 Subsection. In order to qualify for the veterans special season, a veteran shall hold  
 15 and be in possession of a basic hunting license and a big game license and shall be  
 16 able to provide proof satisfactory to the department of such honorable discharge.  
 17 The special open deer hunting season authorized pursuant to this Paragraph shall be  
 18 applicable to hunting on private property only and shall not be applicable to any  
 19 state-owned or federally-owned or managed property.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_