

HOUSE No. 4074

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 13, 2014.

The committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3963) of William M. Straus and Paul K. Frost for legislation to authorize bow and arrow hunting on Sundays, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 4074) ought to pass.

For the committee,

ANNE M. GOBI.

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In the Year Two Thousand Fourteen

An Act authorizing the use of bow and arrows for Sunday deer hunting.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 5 of chapter 131 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012
2 Official Edition , is hereby amended by inserting, after the fourth paragraph, the following
3 paragraph:-

4 The director may declare any Sunday, within the last three months of a calendar year, as
5 an open season for the hunting of deer by bow and arrow by establishing rules and regulations
6 for such season with the approval of the fisheries and wildlife board, provided such hunting on
7 that day may be limited to specific areas; notwithstanding, the provisions of section 57 to the
8 contrary.

9 SECTION 2. Section 57 of said chapter 131, as so appearing, is hereby amended
10 by inserting after the word “director.”, in line 14, the following sentence: -

11 Notwithstanding, this section shall not render it unlawful for a person to possess or carry
12 a bow and arrow, or to use the same, for the purpose of the hunting of deer on any Sunday that is
13 an open season as declared by the director and as established by rule or regulation under section
14 5.