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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2018

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RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- FIELD TRIALS AND SHOOTING PRESERVES

Introduced By: Senators Lombardo, McCaffrey, Archambault, and Lombardi

Date Introduced: May 24, 2018

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Section 20-19-2 of the General Laws in Chapter 20-19 entitled "Field Trials  
2 and Shooting Preserves" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3           **20-19-2. Shooting preserves.**

4           (a) No person shall operate a shooting preserve for the purpose of taking domestic game  
5 birds unless a license has been obtained from the director. Domestic game birds may be released  
6 and taken by shooting at shooting preserves. The following requirements must be followed in  
7 shooting preserves:

8           (1) The shooting area is a single body of land not less than one hundred twenty (120)  
9 acres in size, and is accurately described in the application;

10          (2) The licensee shall keep an accurate record of all domestic game held by him or her,  
11 how, when, and where acquired, how many released and when released, how many taken on the  
12 area, by whom, and when, and shall provide this information to the department when required;

13          (3) The licensee shall attach to each domestic game bird killed on the area a band  
14 furnished by the department for which the licensee shall pay the cost of purchase or manufacture;

15          (4) Domestic game birds taken on a shooting preserve may be possessed and transported  
16 in any number but only when bearing the prescribed band; and

17          (5) ~~Every person hunting or taking domestic game birds on a shooting preserve has a~~  
18 ~~valid Rhode Island hunting license or a special license permitting the taking of domestic game on~~  
19 ~~shooting preserves only.~~

1           (b) No person shall operate a shooting preserve for the purpose of taking animals other  
2 than domestic game birds unless a license has been obtained from the director. Domestic or wild  
3 game may be released and taken by shooting at shooting preserves. The following requirements  
4 must be followed in shooting preserves for the taking of wild animals other than domestic game  
5 birds:

6           (1) The shooting area is a single body of land not less than five hundred (500) acres in  
7 size, and is accurately described in the application;

8           (2) The licensee shall keep an accurate record of all domestic and wild game held by  
9 them; how, when, and where acquired; how many released and when released; how many taken  
10 on the area; by whom, and when; and shall provide this information to the department when  
11 required;

12           (3) The licensee shall attach to each animal taken on the area a band furnished by the  
13 department for which the licensee shall pay a fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) in addition to the cost of  
14 purchase or manufacture;

15           (4) Animals taken on a shooting preserve may be possessed and transported in any  
16 number but only when bearing the prescribed band; and

17           (c) Every person hunting or taking domestic or wild game on a shooting preserve shall  
18 have a valid Rhode Island hunting license or a special license permitting the taking of wild or  
19 domestic game on shooting preserves only.

20           SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would permit the taking of animals other than domestic game birds on a shooting  
2 preserve provided a license is obtained and certain restrictions are met regarding the size of the  
3 shooting area, and the maintenance of records of the game birds released and taken.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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