

SENATE BILL No. 20

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 14-22-2-8.

Synopsis: Deer hunting. Specifies the following concerning the statute allowing the use of certain rifle and cartridge combinations to hunt deer on privately owned land: (1) That the statute does not apply to the use of a rifle firing a handgun cartridge to hunt deer. (2) That the statute may not be construed to affect the administrative rule regulating the use of a rifle firing a handgun cartridge to hunt deer by removing the legal authority to hunt deer on publicly owned land using a rifle firing a handgun cartridge. (3) That the statute may not be construed to supersede the authority of the natural resources commission to regulate the use of rifles firing handgun cartridges to hunt deer. (4) That the statute may not be construed to diminish in any way the legal authority existing on January 1, 2017, to hunt deer using equipment described in the rule.

Effective: July 1, 2017 (retroactive).

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January 3, 2018, read first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary.



Second Regular Session 120th General Assembly (2018)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning natural and cultural resources.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 14-22-2-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.195-2017,
2 SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2017 (RETROACTIVE)]: Sec. 8. (a) This section applies to
4 a hunting season beginning after June 30, 2016, and ending before
5 January 1, 2020. **This section does not apply to the use of a rifle
6 firing a handgun cartridge to hunt deer and may not be construed
7 to do any of the following concerning 312 IAC 9-3-3(d)(4):**
8 (1) **Remove the legal authority granted by the rule to hunt
9 deer on publicly owned land using a rifle firing a handgun
10 cartridge.**
11 (2) **Supersede the authority of the natural resources
12 commission to regulate the use of rifles firing handgun
13 cartridges to hunt deer.**
14 (3) **Diminish in any way the legal authority existing on
15 January 1, 2017, to hunt deer using equipment described in
16 the rule.**
17 (b) A hunter may use a rifle during the firearms season to hunt deer



- 1 subject to the following:
- 2 (1) The use of a rifle is permitted only on privately owned land.
- 3 (2) The rifle must have a barrel length of at least sixteen (16)
- 4 inches.
- 5 (3) The rifle must be chambered for a cartridge that fires a bullet
- 6 that is two hundred forty-three thousandths (.243) of an inch in
- 7 diameter or larger.
- 8 (4) The rifle must fire a cartridge that has a minimum case length
- 9 of one and sixteen-hundredths (1.16) inches, but is no longer than
- 10 three (3) inches.
- 11 (5) A hunter may not possess more than ten (10) cartridges for the
- 12 rifle while hunting deer under this section.
- 13 (6) The rifle must meet any other requirements established by the
- 14 department.
- 15 (c) The use of a full metal jacketed bullet to hunt deer is unlawful.
- 16 (d) The department shall report on the impact of the use of rifles to
- 17 hunt deer under this section to the governor and, in an electronic format
- 18 under IC 5-14-6, the general assembly before February 15, 2020.
- 19 (e) This section expires June 30, 2020.
- 20 **SECTION 2. An emergency is declared for this act.**

