

ASSEMBLY, No. 3732

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 220th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Changes perimeter for bow and arrow hunting around certain buildings; requires property owner to provide notice and obtain receipt from owners of adjacent properties of any hunting activity; designated as “Restoring Safety Buffer Law.”

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning hunting and designated as “Restoring Safety
2 Buffer Law,” amending R.S.23:4-16, and supplementing Title 23
3 of the Revised Statutes.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
6 *of New Jersey:*

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8 1. R.S.23:4-16 is amended to read as follows:

9 23:4-16. a. No person, either in or on a motor vehicle or vehicle
10 of any kind whatsoever, or by the aid or use of a light carried on or
11 attached to a motor vehicle or vehicle of any kind, shall hunt for,
12 pursue, shoot, shoot at, kill, capture, injure or destroy wildlife.

13 b. No person shall use any portable light or lights for the
14 purpose of hunting for any wildlife excepting raccoon and opossum,
15 or other species as provided by the State Game Code.

16 c. No person shall, for the purpose of hunting, taking or killing
17 any wildlife, cast an arrow or discharge any firearm from or across
18 any State, county, municipal, or publicly travelled road or highway.

19 d. (1) No person, except the owner or lessee of the building
20 and persons specifically authorized by him in writing, which
21 writing shall be in the person's possession, shall, for the purpose of
22 hunting, taking or killing any wildlife, have in his possession a
23 loaded firearm while within 450 feet of any occupied building in
24 this State, or of any school playground.

25 (2) No person, except the owner or lessee of the building and
26 persons specifically authorized by him in writing, which writing
27 shall be in the person's possession, shall, for the purpose of hunting,
28 taking or killing any wildlife, have in his possession a nocked arrow
29 while within **[150]** 450 feet of any occupied building in this State,
30 or **[within 450 feet]** of any school playground, and a nocked arrow
31 shall only be cast when a person is in an elevated position so that
32 any arrow is aimed in a downward angle.

33 (3) For the purposes of this subsection, "occupied building"
34 means any building constructed or adapted for overnight
35 accommodation of a person, or for operating a business or engaging
36 in an activity therein, whether or not a person is actually present.

37 e. A person who violates subsection a., b., or c. of this section
38 shall be liable to a civil penalty of not less than \$100 nor more than
39 \$200 for the first offense, and not less than \$200 nor more than
40 \$500 for each subsequent offense. A person who violates
41 subsection d. of this section shall be liable to a civil penalty of not
42 less than \$100 nor more than \$300 for the first offense, and not less
43 than \$300 nor more than **[\$1500]** \$1,500 and permanent revocation
44 of all license certificates required, and all privileges, to take or
45 possess wildlife for each subsequent offense.

46 (cf: P.L.2010, c.53, s.1)

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

