

**ASSEMBLY, No. 3732**

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**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.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 5/25/2023)**

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.

