

# SENATE BILL No. 4

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 14-22-11-1.

**Synopsis:** Wild animals on airport runways. Allows the manager of a public use airport, or the manager's designee, to chase or take at any time, without a hunting license, a wild animal that is located on the airport's property that contains the runway or apron. Requires a manager of a public use airport, or the manager's designee, to report annually to the department of natural resources the number of wild animals killed on the airport's property.

**Effective:** July 1, 2014.

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January 6, 2014, read first time and referred to Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

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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 14-22-11-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 1. (a) As used in this  
 3 section, "farmland" means agricultural land that is:  
 4 (1) devoted or best adaptable for the production of crops, fruits,  
 5 timber, and the raising of livestock; or  
 6 (2) assessed as agricultural land for property tax purposes.  
 7 (b) An individual may not take or chase, with or without dogs, a  
 8 wild animal without having a license, except as follows:  
 9 (1) An individual who is a resident or nonresident of Indiana  
 10 while participating in a field trial that has been sanctioned by the  
 11 director is not required to possess a license while participating in  
 12 the trial.  
 13 (2) Subject to subsection (d), an owner of farmland located in  
 14 Indiana who is a resident or nonresident of Indiana and the spouse  
 15 and children living with the owner may hunt, fish, and trap  
 16 without a license on the land that the owner owns.



1 (3) A lessee of farmland who farms that land and is a resident of  
 2 Indiana and the spouse and children living with the lessee may  
 3 hunt, fish, and trap without a license on the leased land. This  
 4 subdivision does not apply to land that is:

5 (A) owned, leased, or controlled by; and

6 (B) leased from;

7 the department.

8 (4) An individual who:

9 (A) is less than thirteen (13) years of age;

10 (B) does not possess a bow or firearm; and

11 (C) is accompanying an individual who:

12 (i) is at least eighteen (18) years of age; and

13 (ii) holds a valid license;

14 may chase a wild animal without having a license.

15 **(5) The manager of a public use airport (as defined by 49**  
 16 **U.S.C. 47102(22)), or the manager's designee, may chase or**  
 17 **take at any time, without a license, a wild animal that is**  
 18 **located on the airport's property, if the wild animal is located**  
 19 **on the airport's property that contains the runway or apron.**

20 (c) The exceptions provided in this section do not apply to a  
 21 commercial license issued under this article.

22 (d) The right of a nonresident who owns farmland in Indiana (and  
 23 of the spouse and children who reside with the nonresident) to hunt,  
 24 fish, and trap on the farmland without a license under subsection (b)(2)  
 25 is subject to the following conditions:

26 (1) The nonresident may hunt, fish, and trap on the farmland  
 27 without a license only if the state in which the nonresident resides  
 28 allows residents of Indiana who own land in that state to hunt,  
 29 fish, and trap on their land without a license.

30 (2) While hunting, fishing, or trapping on the farmland, the  
 31 nonresident must keep proof that the nonresident owns the  
 32 farmland (for example, a tax receipt identifying the nonresident  
 33 as owner) in a place where the proof is readily accessible by the  
 34 nonresident.

35 **(e) The manager of a public use airport (as defined by 49 U.S.C.**  
 36 **47102(22)), or the manager's designee, shall report annually to the**  
 37 **department the number of wild animals killed under subsection**  
 38 **(b)(5). However, it is not a violation of this subsection if the**  
 39 **manager of a public use airport (as defined by 49 U.S.C.**  
 40 **47102(22)), or the manager's designee, fails to submit an annual**  
 41 **report under this subsection, as long as the manager of a public use**  
 42 **airport (as defined by 49 U.S.C. 47102(22)), or the manager's**



1     **designee, provides the relevant information requested by the**  
2     **department not later than fourteen (14) calendar days after**  
3     **receiving a request from the department.**

