



January 11, 2018

SENATE BILL No. 20

DIGEST OF SB 20 (Updated January 10, 2018 11:40 am - DI 106)

Citations Affected: IC 14-22.

Synopsis: Deer hunting. Authorizes the use of a rifle to hunt deer on privately owned land during: (1) the youth deer season; (2) the firearms season; (3) the special antlerless season where authorized by the department; and (4) the deer reduction season where authorized by the department. Requires the department to adopt rules authorizing the use of a rifle to hunt deer on public property.

Effective: July 1, 2017 (retroactive).

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January 3, 2018, read first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary.
January 10, 2018, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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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.
6 (b) A hunter may use a rifle ~~during the firearms season~~ to hunt deer
7 **on privately owned land** subject to the following:
8 (1) The use of a rifle is permitted ~~only on privately owned land~~
9 **during the following hunting seasons established by the**
10 **department:**
11 (A) **The youth deer season.**
12 (B) **The firearms season.**
13 (C) **The special antlerless season where authorized by the**
14 **department.**
15 (D) **The deer reduction season where authorized by the**
16 **department.**
17 (2) The rifle must have a barrel length of at least sixteen (16)

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- 1 inches.
- 2 (3) The rifle must be chambered for a cartridge that fires a bullet
- 3 that is two hundred forty-three thousandths (.243) of an inch in
- 4 diameter or larger.
- 5 (4) The rifle must fire a cartridge that has a minimum case length
- 6 of one and sixteen-hundredths (1.16) inches, but is no longer than
- 7 three (3) inches.
- 8 (5) A hunter may not possess more than ten (10) cartridges for the
- 9 rifle while hunting deer under this section.
- 10 (6) The rifle must meet any other requirements established by the
- 11 department.
- 12 (c) The use of a full metal jacketed bullet to hunt deer is unlawful.
- 13 (d) The department shall report on the impact of the use of rifles to
- 14 hunt deer under this section to the governor and, in an electronic format
- 15 under IC 5-14-6, the general assembly before February 15, 2020.
- 16 **(e) The department shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to**
- 17 **authorize the use of a rifle to hunt deer on public property.**
- 18 **Notwithstanding subsection (b), rules adopted under this**
- 19 **subsection may specify the permitted:**
- 20 **(1) barrel length of the rifle;**
- 21 **(2) caliber of the bullet;**
- 22 **(3) maximum and minimum cartridge case; and**
- 23 **(4) number of cartridges that a hunter may possess while**
- 24 **hunting deer.**
- 25 ~~(e)~~ (f) This section expires June 30, 2020.
- 26 SECTION 2. An emergency is declared for this act.



COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 20, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Page 1, line 5, delete "This section does not apply to the use of a rifle".

Page 1, delete lines 6 through 16.

Page 1, line 17, strike "during the firearms season".

Page 1, line 17, after "deer" insert "**on privately owned land**".

Page 2, line 2, strike "only on privately owned land." and insert "**during the following hunting seasons established by the department:**

(A) **The youth deer season.**

(B) **The firearms season.**

(C) **The special antlerless season where authorized by the department.**

(D) **The deer reduction season where authorized by the department."**

Page 2, between lines 18 and 19, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"(e) The department shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to authorize the use of a rifle to hunt deer on public property. Notwithstanding subsection (b), rules adopted under this subsection may specify the permitted:

(1) barrel length of the rifle;

(2) caliber of the bullet;

(3) maximum and minimum cartridge case; and

(4) number of cartridges that a hunter may possess while hunting deer."

Page 2, line 19, strike "(e)" and insert "(f)".

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 20 as introduced.)

BRAY, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 8, Nays 1.

