

SENATE BILL No. 243

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 14-22.

Synopsis: Silencers when hunting. Repeals the law that prohibits the possession or use of a silencer while in the act of hunting. Provides that a person who takes or possesses a deer or wild turkey: (1) unlawfully; (2) by illegal methods; or (3) with illegal devices; while using or possessing a silencer commits a Class C misdemeanor.

Effective: July 1, 2012.

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January 4, 2012, read first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

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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~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2011 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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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 IC 14-22-6-11 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
2 2012]. Sec. 11. (a) This section does not apply to an employee of the
3 department or an employee of a federal wildlife management agency
4 who:

- 5 (1) is acting in the performance of the employee's duties; and
- 6 (2) has received the express written consent of the director for the
7 employee's action.

8 (b) A person may not:
9 (1) use or possess an apparatus designed for use with or on a
10 firearm commonly called a silencer; or
11 (2) use or possess a device used as a silencer;
12 in Indiana while in the act of hunting.

13 SECTION 2. IC 14-22-38-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.2-2008,
14 SECTION 32, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
15 JULY 1, 2012]: Sec. 4. (a) A person who:

- 16 (1) unlawfully takes or possesses a deer or wild turkey;
- 17 (2) takes or possesses a deer or wild turkey by illegal methods or



1 with illegal devices; or
 2 (3) except as provided in subsections (c) and (d), sells, offers to
 3 sell, purchases, or offers to purchase a deer or wild turkey or a
 4 part of a deer or wild turkey;
 5 shall reimburse the state five hundred dollars (\$500) for the first
 6 violation and one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for each subsequent
 7 violation.
 8 (b) The money shall be deposited in the conservation officers fish
 9 and wildlife fund. This penalty is in addition to any other penalty under
 10 the law.
 11 (c) Notwithstanding section 6 of this chapter, if a properly tagged
 12 deer is brought to a meat processing facility and the owner of the deer:
 13 (1) fails to pick up the processed deer within a reasonable time;
 14 or
 15 (2) notifies the meat processing facility that the owner does not
 16 want the processed deer;
 17 the deer meat may be given away by the meat processing facility to
 18 another person. The meat processing facility may charge the person
 19 receiving the deer meat a reasonable and customary processing fee.
 20 (d) Notwithstanding section 6 of this chapter, deer meat and
 21 products from farm raised deer that meet the requirements under
 22 IC 15-17 may be sold to the public.
 23 **(e) In addition to the reimbursement required under subsection**
 24 **(a), a person who recklessly, knowingly, or intentionally violates**
 25 **subsection (a)(1) or (a)(2) while using or possessing:**
 26 **(1) an apparatus designed for use with or on a firearm**
 27 **commonly called a silencer; or**
 28 **(2) a device used as a silencer;**
 29 **commits a Class C misdemeanor.**

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