AN ACT

RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- DEER HUNTING

Introduced By: Representatives Cardillo, Costantino, Casey, Chippendale, J. Brien, Azzinaro, Perez, and Craven

Date Introduced: January 19, 2023

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 20-15-5 of the General Laws in Chapter 20-15 entitled "Deer Hunting" is hereby amended to read as follows:


(a) No person shall use, or have in his or her possession, while hunting for deer, pistols, guns, or other prohibited hunting firearms, spear guns, crossbows, explosive points, poisonous or barbed points, or any other projectile, propelled by any means, capable of carrying or injecting any incapacitating drug or chemical; provided, however, that a duly licensed person may hunt for deer by shotgun, muzzle-loading rifle, long bow (straight limb, reflex, recurve, or compound bow) or crossbow. Possession of any deer showing evidence that it was taken with a prohibited device shall be a violation of this section. Upon conviction of a violation of any provision of this section, any weapons, guns, or ammunition shall be forfeited to the state.

(b) Any person who has a valid concealed carry permit pursuant to the provisions of §§ 11-47-11 or 11-47-18 or who is exempt pursuant to the provisions of §§ 11-47-9 or 11-47-9.1, may while hunting deer, carry and possess their pistol or revolver; provided, however, that the pistol or revolver is not used to hunt deer.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.
EXPLANATION
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1 This act would permit any person with a concealed carry permit to carry and possess their
2 pistol or revolver while deer hunting; provided that, the pistol or revolver is not used for deer
3 hunting.
4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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