

HB 1140 - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL **1140**

AN ACT enabling certain disabled persons to hunt from a motor vehicle.

SPONSORS: Rep. Alexander Jr., Hills. 29; Rep. Berry, Hills. 44; Rep. Giasson, Hills. 29; Rep. Mazur, Hills. 44; Rep. Reinfurt, Hills. 29; Sen. Avard, Dist 12; Sen. Innis, Dist 7

COMMITTEE: Fish and Game and Marine Resources

ANALYSIS

This bill enables the executive director of fish and game department to issue a special permit to hunt from a motor vehicle to certain disabled individuals.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six

AN ACT enabling certain disabled persons to hunt from a motor vehicle.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 Disabled Persons; Hunting From Vehicle. Amend RSA 207:7-a, I to read as follows:

2 I. RSA 207:7 shall not apply to a disabled person who is suffering from paraplegia or who is
3 suffering from the loss of, or the loss of the use of, both lower extremities, **or who has any other**
4 **physical disability that, in the discretion of the executive director, warrants the issuance of**
5 **a permit to hunt from a motor vehicle**, and who has obtained a current license to hunt; provided,
6 however, that such person must first obtain from the executive director a special permit entitling
7 said person to hunt while using a motor vehicle, not to include boats with motor attached or aircraft.
8 For purposes of this section, "motor vehicle" shall include off highway recreational vehicles and all
9 terrain vehicles as defined in RSA 215-A:1, and snowmobiles as defined in RSA 215-C:1. No loaded
10 firearm, shotgun, or rifle shall be carried or transported with a cartridge in the chamber, magazine,
11 or clip attached to the firearm, shotgun, or rifle, while the vehicle is in motion. The executive
12 director may issue such a permit upon application in person or upon documentary proof of such
13 disability by a licensed hunter. Such permit shall be carried upon the person of the permittee while
14 hunting and shall be produced for inspection upon the demand of any law enforcement officer. A \$10
15 administrative fee shall be charged once, upon application to the executive director for such permit.

16 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.