

HB 1140 - VERSION ADOPTED BY BOTH BODIES

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

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