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HOUSE BILL ***1116***

AN ACT relative to certain firearms to be used for taking of game.

SPONSORS: Rep. Spillane, Rock. 2; Rep. Roy, Rock. 31; Rep. Love, Rock. 13; Rep. Kofalt, Hills. 32; Rep. T. Lekas, Hills. 38; Rep. C. Brown, Graf. 10; Rep. Jonathan Smith, Carr. 5; Rep. Hoell, Merr. 27; Rep. Cole, Hills. 26; Sen. Lang, Dist 2

COMMITTEE: Fish and Game and Marine Resources

ANALYSIS

This bill allows for the use of rifles and certain pistols for the taking of game.

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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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Four

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

108:1 Lawful Methods of Taking; Lever Action Carbine. Amend RSA 207:3, I to read as follows:

I. Wildlife shall be taken in the daytime between 1/2 hour before sunrise and 1/2 hour after sunset with a gun, firearm, muzzleloader, or air rifle, fired at arm's length, bow and arrow or crossbow, or a [~~lever-action carbine~~] ***rifle*** chambered in [~~.357, .44 Magnum, or .45 Colt~~] ***a straight-walled pistol cartridge of .357 caliber or greater*** in any area where hunting is restricted to handgun or pistol, unless otherwise specifically permitted. An air rifle may be used to take small game, but shall not be used to take moose, bear, turkey, or deer. The executive director shall specify the method and manner of taking small game with an air rifle in rules adopted pursuant to RSA 541-A.

108:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2025.

Approved: July 03, 2024
Effective Date: January 01, 2025