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HOUSE BILL ***1024***

AN ACT relative to the use of air rifles for hunting game.

SPONSORS: Rep. Cole, Hills. 26

COMMITTEE: Fish and Game and Marine Resources

ANALYSIS

This bill expands the allowed use of air rifles to take 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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Four

AN ACT relative to the use of air rifles for hunting game.

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

1 Taking of Game With Air Rifle. 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 ***an*** air rifle ***with a caliber of .30 or greater***, fired at arm's length, bow and arrow or crossbow, or a lever-action carbine chambered in .357, .44 Magnum, or .45 Colt in any area where hunting is restricted to handgun or pistol, unless otherwise specifically permitted. An air rifle ***with a caliber of .30 or greater*** 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.

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