

Amendment to SB 500

1 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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3 1 Pistols and Revolvers. Amend RSA 159:12, II(a) to read as follows:

4 (a) Fathers, mothers, grandparents, guardians, administrators or executors who give a
5 **pistol or** revolver to their children or wards or to heirs to an estate.

6 2 Protection of Persons From Domestic Violence; Definitions. Amend RSA 173-B:1, XI to read
7 as follows:

8 XI. "Firearm" means any weapon, including a starter gun, which will ~~[or]~~, is designed to, or
9 may readily be converted to expel a projectile by ~~[force of gunpowder]~~ **the action of an explosive**.

10 3 General Provisions as to Fish and Game; Definitions. Amend RSA 207:1, I to read as follows:

11 I. **Air Rifle: A gun operated by a compressed air or nonflammable gas cylinder by**
12 **which a projectile of any size or kind can be discharged or propelled.**

13 **I-a.** Angling: The taking of fish by line in hand, or rod in hand to which is attached a cast
14 of artificial flies, or an artificial bait, or hooks or other devices for the attachment of bait. A person
15 may have in use not more than 2 such lines at one time. Nothing in this title shall prohibit the use
16 of a rod-holder in a boat.

17 4 New Paragraph; General Provisions as to Fish and Game; Definitions. Amend RSA 207:1 by
18 inserting after paragraph V the following new paragraph:

19 V-a. "Firearm" means any weapon, including a starter gun, which will, is designed to, or
20 may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive.

21 5 New Paragraph; General Provisions as to Fish and Game; Definitions. Amend RSA 207:1 by
22 inserting after paragraph XIV the following new paragraph:

23 XIV-a. "Loaded" shall mean a round or projectile in the chamber fully dischargeable by
24 pulling the trigger.

25 6 General Provisions as to Fish and Game; Lawful Methods of Taking. Amend RSA 207:3, I to
26 read as follows:

27 I. Wildlife shall be taken in the daytime between 1/2 hour before sunrise and 1/2 hour after
28 sunset with a gun, **firearm, muzzleloader, or air rifle**, fired at arm's length, or bow and arrow
29 **or crossbow**, unless otherwise specifically permitted.

30 7 Hunting From Motor Vehicle, OHRV, Snowmobile, Boat, or Aircraft. Amend RSA 207:7, II-IV
31 to read as follows:

32 II. No person shall have or carry, in or on a motor vehicle, OHRV, snowmobile, or aircraft,

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1 ~~[whether]~~ ***when*** moving ~~[or stationary]~~, a cocked crossbow, a loaded rifle or loaded shotgun, ~~[or a~~
2 ~~rifle or shotgun with a cartridge in a magazine or clip attached to the gun]~~ ***muzzleloader, or air***
3 ***rifle, except a person or a person's agent while in the act of protecting his or her interest***
4 ***in their livestock or crops. Except when crossing or traveling on a public way, such person***
5 ***or the person's agent may carry a loaded rifle or shotgun, muzzleloader, or air rifle while***
6 ***traveling through or between farming or agricultural areas while in the course of***
7 ***protecting his or her interest in their livestock or crops.***

8 III. No person shall have in or on a boat or other craft while being propelled by mechanical
9 power, or in a boat or other craft being towed by a boat or other craft propelled by mechanical
10 power, a cocked crossbow, a loaded rifle or loaded shotgun~~[, or a rifle or shotgun with a cartridge in~~
11 ~~a magazine or clip attached to the gun]~~, ***muzzleloader, or air rifle.***

12 IV. The provisions of this section shall not apply to law enforcement officers carrying guns
13 ***or firearms*** in the line of duty.

14 8 Game Animals; Bow and Arrow. Amend RSA 208:5, V to read as follows:

15 V. The licensee shall ~~[not]~~ be entitled to carry ~~[any]~~ firearms while hunting under the
16 provisions of this section, unless such licensee ~~[also possesses a valid firearms hunting license or a~~
17 ~~valid license to carry firearms issued pursuant to RSA 159]~~ ***is prohibited by state or federal law***
18 ***from carrying a firearm.***

19 9 Obstructing Governmental Operations; Taking a Firearm From a Law Enforcement Officer.
20 Amend RSA 642:3-a, V(a) to read as follows:

21 (a) "Firearm" ~~[has the meaning given that term in section 921 of Title 18 of the United~~
22 ~~States Code]~~ ***means any weapon, including a starter gun, which will, is designed to, or may***
23 ***be readily converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive.***

24 10 Repeal. RSA 214:18, relative to the executive director's authority to suspend or revoke the
25 license of a physically or mentally improper or incompetent person, is repealed.

26 11 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill amends the definition of firearm in certain statutes. The bill also removes the prohibition on carrying a loaded rifle or shotgun, muzzleloader, or air rifle in or on a stationary motor vehicle, OHRV, snowmobile, or aircraft. The bill also defines air rifle for the purpose of the fish and game laws.

The bill also allows the taking of wildlife with a muzzleloader, crossbow, or air rifle.