

BY: Environmental Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 968
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “and Weldon” and substitute “Weldon, and Weir”; in line 2, before “Hunting” insert “Natural Resources -”; in the same line, strike “- Computer-Assisted Remote Hunting” and substitute “Via an Internet Connection”; strike beginning with “computer” in line 3 down through “term” in line 14 and substitute “a person from shooting at or killing a bird or animal in the State with a gun or other device operated or accessed via an Internet connection; providing that certain actions are prima facie evidence of a violation of this Act; establishing a certain penalty; requiring the revocation of the hunting privilege or hunting license of a person who is convicted of an offense under this Act; requiring that a person be denied the privilege to hunt for a certain time period if the person is convicted of an offense under this Act”; in line 15, strike “a prohibition on computer-assisted remote”; and strike in their entirety lines 21 through 25, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 2 and 3, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 3 on page 2 through line 17 on page 3, inclusive, and substitute:

“(A) A PERSON MAY NOT SHOOT AT OR KILL A BIRD OR ANIMAL IN THE STATE WITH A GUN OR OTHER DEVICE OPERATED OR ACCESSED VIA AN INTERNET CONNECTION.

“(B) ACCESSING, REGULATING ACCESS TO, OR REGULATING THE CONTROL OF A GUN OR DEVICE CAPABLE OF BEING OPERATED IN VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE OF THE COMMISSION OF AN OFFENSE UNDER THIS SECTION.

“(C) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$10,000

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OR IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 1 YEAR OR BOTH.

(D) THE HUNTING PRIVILEGE OR HUNTING LICENSE OF A PERSON CONVICTED OF VIOLATING THIS SECTION SHALL BE REVOKED, AND THE PERSON SHALL BE DENIED THE PRIVILEGE OF HUNTING IN THE STATE FOR AT LEAST 2 YEARS AND NOT MORE THAN 5 YEARS.”.