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HOUSE BILL NO. 172

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HUNTING: Prohibits the use of certain types of sights for hunting

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 56:116.1(B)(3), relative to methods of taking certain birds and  
3 quadrupeds; to provide for prohibited equipment used to take game birds and wild  
4 quadrupeds; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 56:116.1(B)(3) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §116.1. Wild birds and wild quadrupeds; times and methods of taking; penalties

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9 B. No person shall do any of the following:

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11 (3) Take or kill any game bird or wild quadruped with a firearm fitted with  
12 any device to deaden or silence the sound of the discharge thereof; or fitted with an  
13 infrared sight, ~~electrically operated~~ laser sight, or, except as provided in Paragraph  
14 (A)(8) of this Section, any sighting device which projects a beam of light to the  
15 target or otherwise electronically illuminates the target, or device specifically  
16 designed to enhance vision at night; or with or by means of an automatic loading or  
17 hand operated repeating shotgun capable of holding more than three shells. Any  
18 shotgun capable of holding more than three shells shall be plugged with a one-piece

1 filler incapable of removal through the loading end, so as to reduce the capacity of  
 2 the gun to not more than three shells at one loading.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Prohibits hunting game birds or wild quadrupeds with a firearm fitted with a laser sight or any sighting device designed to project a beam of light to the target or otherwise electronically illuminates the target.

Present law prohibits the taking or killing of game birds or wild quadrupeds with a firearm fitted with a silencer, infrared sight, electronic operated sight, a device designed to enhance night vision, or with an automatic shotgun holding more than three shells. Such shotguns may be used if fitted with a plug to reduce the capacity to three shells.

Proposed law retains present law except changes from "electronic operated sight" to "laser sight" and, except for laser sights authorized for use by visually impaired hunters, prohibits any sighting device designed to project a beam of light to the target or otherwise electronically illuminates the target.

(Amends R.S. 56:116.1(B)(3))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill.

1. Preserve the ability for visually impaired hunters to use laser sights as authorized by law.