

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

1 State of Arkansas
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A Bill

DRAFT JLC/CLJ
SENATE BILL

5 By: Senator J. Boyd
6 By: Representative Beaty Jr.
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING NEGLIGENT
10 DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS WHILE HUNTING DEER; TO REPEAL §
11 15-43-205; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 15-43-205 is repealed.

23 ~~15-43-205. Negligent discharge of firearms while hunting deer.~~

24 ~~(a) The General Assembly has become aware of the fact that many~~
25 ~~persons hunting deer in this state negligently allow their firearms to be~~
26 ~~discharged without exercising proper care to ascertain the object at which~~
27 ~~they shoot, thereby endangering the life, limb, and property of other~~
28 ~~persons. It is the intent of this section to deter the negligent use of~~
29 ~~firearms by deer hunters by imposing penalties therefor.~~

30 ~~(b) A person who, while hunting deer, negligently discharges a firearm~~
31 ~~in such circumstances as to endanger the person or property of another shall~~
32 ~~be fined in an amount not less than one hundred dollars (\$100) nor more than~~
33 ~~one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or may be imprisoned in the county jail for a~~
34 ~~period not less than thirty (30) days nor more than six (6) months, or be~~
35 ~~both fined and imprisoned.~~
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