

23:3-23; 23:3-25

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST  
(Woodcocks-hunting-  
special stamp.)

NJSA 23:3-23; 23:3-25

LAWS 1981

CHAPTER 571

Bill No. A2070

Sponsor(s) Stewart

Date Introduced Sept. 29, 1980

Committee: Assembly Agriculture and Environment

Senate Natural Resources & Agriculture

Amended during passage Yes ~~No~~ Amendments during passage denoted by asterisks.

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Following statements are attached if available:

Sponsor statement	Yes	<del>No</del>
Committee Statement: Assembly	Yes	<del>No</del>
Senate	<del>Yes</del>	No
Fiscal Note	Yes	<del>No</del>
Veto Message	<del>Yes</del>	No
Message on signing	<del>Yes</del>	No

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**ASSEMBLY, No. 2070**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

INTRODUCED SEPTEMBER 29, 1980

By Assemblyman STEWART

Referred to Committee on Agriculture and Environment

AN ACT concerning the taking of woodcock, and amending R. S.  
23:3-23 and R. S. 23:3-25.

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
2 *of New Jersey:*

1 1. R. S. 23:3-23 is amended to read as follows:

2 23:3-23. No person shall at any time hunt for, kill or pursue  
3 with a gun or any firearm of any kind or character, any woodcock,  
4 unless he has first procured, as hereinafter provided, a special  
5 stamp therefor, in addition to the license required by article 1 of  
6 this chapter (23:3-1 et seq.), and unless at the time of hunting he  
7 has the license and stamp on his person and exhibits the same for  
8 inspection to any conservation officer, deputy conservation officer,  
9 police officer or other person requesting to see them~~;~~; provided,  
10 however, that woodcock may be taken without special stamp in  
11 that portion of the prescribed woodcock season which may extend  
12 into the season when it is permissible to take upland game~~].~~.

13 The stamp issued under sections 23:3-23 to 23:3-27 of this Title  
14 shall be designated as the "special woodcock hunting stamp," and  
15 shall authorize its holder to hunt woodcock at the time and in the  
16 manner provided by law. The stamp shall be invalid from the  
17 date of its issuance when issued to a person not entitled thereto  
18 hereunder.

1 2. R. S. 23:3-25 is amended to read as follows:

2 23:3-25. The fee for this stamp shall be ~~[\$3.00]~~ \$2.00. The  
3 amounts remitted to the State Treasury for stamps issued under  
4 section 23:3-24 of this Title shall be placed to the credit of the  
5 "hunters' and anglers' license fund," mentioned in section 23:3-12  
6 of this Title.

1 3. This act shall take effect \*~~[immediately]~~\* \*January 1, 1982\*.

**EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill  
is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

## STATEMENT

This bill would implement a recent recommendation of the Fish and Game Council that woodcock stamps be required for the duration of the woodcock season. At the present time, such stamps are required only for woodcock hunting before the opening of small game season. The price of this stamp would be reduced from \$3.00 to \$2.00.

The amendments made by this bill would allow the Division of Fish, Game and Shellfisheries to compile a complete list of woodcock hunters and to better determine the annual woodcock harvest, thereby facilitating the proper management of this species in the various areas, or zones, of this State.

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ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE  
STATEMENT TO  
**ASSEMBLY, No. 2070**  
with Assembly committee amendments

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: MAY 4, 1981

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The committee changed the effective date of the act to January 1, 1982, so that the new provisions will not take effect in the middle of the hunting season.

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FISCAL NOTE TO  
ASSEMBLY, No. 2070

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 5, 1981

Assembly Bill No. 2070 of 1980 requires a special \$2.00 stamp to take Woodcocks.

The Department of Environmental Protection estimates enactment of this legislation would increase State revenue by \$3,600.00 in each of the next 3 fiscal years.

The Department further states that this bill is necessary to be able to identify all woodcock hunters and comply with Federal requirements for zoning.

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In compliance with written request received, there is hereby submitted a fiscal estimate for the above bill, pursuant to P. L. 1980, c. 67.