

# 23:4-47

## LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

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**LAWS OF:** 2001                    **CHAPTER:** 261  
**NJSA:** 23:4-47                (Transporting dead deer-in vehicles)  
**BILL NO:** S1560                (Substituted for A2757)

**SPONSOR(S):** Bark

**DATE INTRODUCED:** September 21, 2000

**COMMITTEE:**                    **ASSEMBLY:** ----  
**SENATE:** Economic Growth

**AMENDED DURING PASSAGE:** No

**DATE OF PASSAGE:**            **ASSEMBLY:** November 29, 2001  
**SENATE:** May 3, 2001

**DATE OF APPROVAL:** December 11, 2001

### FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:

**FINAL TEXT OF BILL** (Original version of bill enacted)

#### S1560

**SPONSORS STATEMENT:** (Begins on page 3 of original bill)                    Yes

**COMMITTEE STATEMENT:**                    **ASSEMBLY:** No

**SENATE:** Yes

**FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENTS:** No

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE:** No

#### A2757

**SPONSORS STATEMENT:** (Begins on page 3 of original bill)                    Yes

Bill and Sponsors Statement identical to S1560

<b>COMMITTEE STATEMENT:</b>	<b>ASSEMBLY:</b>	Yes
	<b>SENATE:</b>	No
<b>FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENTS:</b>		No
<b>LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE:</b>		No
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**SENATE, No. 1560**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**209th LEGISLATURE**

INTRODUCED SEPTEMBER 21, 2000

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator MARTHA W. BARK**

**District 8 (Atlantic, Burlington and Camden)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman Gibson and Assemblywoman Myers**

**SYNOPSIS**

Allows transport of dead deer in covered or closed vehicles.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 11/30/2001)**

S1560 BARK

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1 AN ACT concerning the transportation of deer, amending R.S.23:4-47  
2 and repealing P.L.1969, c.306.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. R.S.23:4-47 is amended to read as follows:

8 23:4-47. A person who kills a deer in this State at any time during  
9 the legal seasons shall immediately attach thereto the deer  
10 transportation tag supplied with the hunting license and shall transport  
11 the deer to a deer checking station before 7:00 p.m. on the day [said]  
12 the deer was killed, for registering the kill and having a legal  
13 possession tag affixed, which possession tag shall remain attached until  
14 the carcass has been consumed.

15 A person not required to purchase a hunting license under  
16 provisions of [section 23:3-1 of the Revised Statutes] R.S.23:3-1 ,  
17 who kills a deer in this State at any time during the legal seasons, or  
18 a person who has lost the transportation tag supplied with the hunting  
19 license, shall make and attach a transportation tag immediately after  
20 killing the animal, clearly stating [his or her] the person's name and  
21 address, and if holding a license to hunt, the license number, with the  
22 date, township if known, and county in which the deer was killed and  
23 shall transport the deer to a checking station for registration as herein  
24 prescribed.

25 The division shall designate such checking stations as it deems  
26 necessary and shall prescribe regulations for their operation.

27 All deer killed during prescribed seasons shall be presented for  
28 registration at the nearest deer checking station by the person who  
29 killed the [same] deer , and it shall be registered in [his] that person's  
30 name. No person shall present a deer for registration, or permit to be  
31 registered in [his] the person's name, any deer which [he himself] the  
32 person did not kill. No person shall at any time in any manner  
33 transport any deer killed during a prescribed season , unless [open to  
34 view and] there is [securely attached thereto] a legal tag securely  
35 attached to the deer . If deer is being transported by a person other  
36 than the licensee, written permission signed by the licensee killing the  
37 deer must be in possession of the driver.

38 No person shall have in possession at any time any deer, or parts of  
39 a deer, which has not been legally registered. The owner of a legally  
40 registered deer may give away parts of [such] the deer provided each  
41 separate part is plainly labeled with the name and address of the person  
42 who registered the deer, the possession tag number assigned to [said]

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Matter underlined thus is new matter.

**S1560 BARK**

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1 the deer, and the name and address of the person to whom it was  
2 given.

3 ~~[Any]~~ A person who ~~[shall fail]~~ fails to properly tag a deer and  
4 transport it to a checking station, or who borrows, loans, transfers,  
5 buys, sells or purloins any deer tag of another, shall be liable to the  
6 penalty prescribed by ~~[section 23:4-48 of this Title]~~ R.S.23:4-48 .

7 The division shall adopt, pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure  
8 Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), any rules and regulations  
9 necessary to implement this section and to prescribe the tagging  
10 requirements for deer killed in a manner other than during a prescribed  
11 season.

12 (cf: P.L.1971, c.251, s.2)

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14 2. P.L.1969, c.306 (C.23:4-47.1) is repealed.

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16 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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21 This bill amends current law to allow dead deer to be transported  
22 in covered or closed vehicles such as pickup trucks with caps and  
23 sport utility vehicles. Under current law, a deer is required to be  
24 transported in an manner in which the deer is open to view. The bill  
25 also repeals P.L.1969, c.306 (C.23:4-47.1) because the provisions of  
26 the section are included in R.S.23:4-47 as amended by this bill. The  
27 bill also contains technical amendments to update statutory language.

SENATE ECONOMIC GROWTH, AGRICULTURE AND  
TOURISM COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 1560**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: NOVEMBER 13, 2000

The Senate Economic Growth, Agriculture and Tourism Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 1560.

As reported, this bill amends current law to allow dead deer to be transported in covered or closed vehicles such as pickup trucks with caps and sport utility vehicles. Under current law, a deer is required to be transported in a manner in which the deer is open to view. The bill also repeals P.L.1969, c.306 (C.23:4-47.1) because the provisions of the section are included in R.S.23:4-47 as amended by this bill. The bill also contains technical amendments to update statutory language.

ASSEMBLY AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**ASSEMBLY, No. 2757**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: NOVEMBER 13, 2000

The Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 2757.

This bill amends current law to allow dead deer to be transported in covered or closed vehicles such as pickup trucks with caps and sport utility vehicles. Under current law, a deer is required to be transported in a manner in which the deer is open to view. The bill also repeals P.L.1969, c.306 (C.23:4-47.1) because the provisions of the section are included in R.S.23:4-47. The bill also contains technical amendments to update statutory language.

# ASSEMBLY, No. 2757

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 209th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED SEPTEMBER 25, 2000

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman JOHN C. GIBSON**

**District 1 (Cape May, Atlantic and Cumberland)**

**Assemblywoman CONNIE MYERS**

**District 23 (Warren, Hunterdon and Mercer)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Allows transport of dead deer in covered or closed vehicles

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.





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21 address, and if holding a license to hunt, the license number, with the  
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P.L. 2001, CHAPTER 261, *approved December 11, 2001*

Senate, No. 1560

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## CHAPTER 261

AN ACT concerning the transportation of deer, amending R.S.23:4-47 and repealing P.L.1969, c.306.

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

1. R.S.23:4-47 is amended to read as follows:

Dead deer, tagging procedures, transportation; violations, penalties; rules, regulations.

23:4-47. A person who kills a deer in this State at any time during the legal seasons shall immediately attach thereto the deer transportation tag supplied with the hunting license and shall transport the deer to a deer checking station before 7:00 p.m. on the day the deer was killed, for registering the kill and having a legal possession tag affixed, which possession tag shall remain attached until the carcass has been consumed.

A person not required to purchase a hunting license under provisions of R.S.23:3-1, who kills a deer in this State at any time during the legal seasons, or a person who has lost the transportation tag supplied with the hunting license, shall make and attach a transportation tag immediately after killing the animal, clearly stating the person's name and address, and if holding a license to hunt, the license number, with the date, township if known, and county in which the deer was killed and shall transport the deer to a checking station for registration as herein prescribed.

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A person who fails to properly tag a deer and transport it to a checking station, or who borrows, loans, transfers, buys, sells or purloins any deer tag of another, shall be liable to the penalty prescribed by R.S.23:4-48.

The division shall adopt, pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), any rules and regulations necessary to implement this section and to prescribe the tagging requirements for deer killed in a manner other than during a prescribed season.

Repealer.

2. P.L.1969, c.306 (C.23:4-47.1) is repealed.
3. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved December 11, 2001.