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ASSEMBLY, No. 3022

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

208th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MARCH 18, 1999

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman NICHOLAS ASSELTA

District 1 (Cape May, Atlantic and Cumberland)

Assemblyman JOHN C. GIBSON

District 1 (Cape May, Atlantic and Cumberland)

Co-Sponsored by:

**Assemblymen Chatzidakis, Bodine, Assemblywoman Myers, Assemblymen
Lance, Garrett and Gregg**

SYNOPSIS

Makes permanent the 18-month trial period authorizing the use of bait when hunting deer.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning hunting deer with bait and amending P.L.1997,
2 c.424.

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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. Section 1 of P.L.1997, c.424 (C.23:4-24.4) is amended to read
8 as follows:

9 1. a. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 1 and section 2 of
10 P.L.1970, c.180 (C.23:4-24.2 and C.23:4-24.3), a person may: (1) use
11 bait to attract, entice, or lure a deer; and (2) kill, destroy, injure,
12 shoot, shoot at, take, wound, or attempt to take, kill, or wound, a
13 deer, or have in possession or control any firearm or other weapon of
14 any kind for such purposes, within any distance of a baited area. A
15 person may be elevated in a standing tree or in a structure of any kind
16 when using a baited area for hunting deer, and the baited area may be
17 within any distance of the standing tree or structure.

18 The provisions of this subsection shall not apply in counties of the
19 first class except in such game management zones therein as may be
20 designated therefor by the Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife and
21 approved by the Fish and Game Council. **[The provisions of this**
22 **subsection shall expire within eighteen months from the effective date**
23 **of this act.]**

24 b. For the purposes of this section, "baited area" means the
25 presence of placed, exposed, deposited, distributed, or scattered
26 agricultural products, salt, or other edible lure whatsoever capable of
27 attracting, enticing, or luring deer.

28 (cf: P.L.1997, c.424, s.1)

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30 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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35 This bill would permanently authorize the use of bait when hunting
36 deer. In 1997, the Legislature enacted a law, which is due to expire
37 in July 1999, authorizing the use of bait when hunting deer in most
38 counties of the State. That law also provided that it would not apply
39 in counties of the first class except in those game management zones
40 therein as may be designated therefor by the Division of Fish, Game
41 and Wildlife and approved by the Fish and Game Council. That
42 exception would be continued in this bill.

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

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

A3022 ASSELTA, GIBSON

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1 This bill is necessary because of the extensive deer population in the
2 State that is damaging crops and landscape plants in many areas, as
3 documented in much detail in a October 1998 report issued by the
4 Center for Wildlife Damage Control in the New Jersey Agricultural
5 Experiment Station at Rutgers, The State University.

6 This bill will make it easier for hunters to control the excess deer
7 population. The concept of the bill has the widespread support of the
8 agricultural community, as evidenced by section 6 of Resolution #2
9 adopted at the 84th Annual State Agricultural Convention held on
10 February 2 and 3, 1999.

ASSEMBLY AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 3022

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 6, 1999

The Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee favorably reports Assembly Bill No. 3022 with committee amendments.

This bill would permanently authorize the use of bait when hunting deer. In 1997, the Legislature enacted a law, which is due to expire in July 1999, authorizing the use of bait when hunting deer in most counties of the State. That law also provided that it would not apply in counties of the first class except in those game management zones therein as may be designated therefor by the Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife and approved by the Fish and Game Council. The committee adopted amendments to delete that exception so that the use of bait would be allowed Statewide.

SENATE ECONOMIC GROWTH, AGRICULTURE AND
TOURISM COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 3022

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 17, 1999

The Senate Economic Growth, Agriculture and Tourism Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 3022 (1R).

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As reported by the committee, this bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 1819 as amended by the committee.

SENATE, No. 1819

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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Sponsored by:

Senator JAMES S. CAFIERO

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TOURISM COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1819

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 17, 1999

The Senate Economic Growth, Agriculture and Tourism Committee favorably reports Senate Bill No. 1819 with committee amendments.

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As amended and reported by the committee, this bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 3011 (1R) as also reported by the committee.