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LAWS OF: 2006 **CHAPTER:** 7
NJSA: 23:4-24.5 (Prohibits computer-assisted remote hunting)

BILL NO: A764 (Substituted for S574)

SPONSOR(S) Gordon and others

DATE INTRODUCED: Pre-filed

COMMITTEE: **ASSEMBLY:** Agriculture and Natural Resources

SENATE: Environment

AMENDED DURING PASSAGE: Yes

DATE OF PASSAGE: **ASSEMBLY:** February 9, 2006

SENATE: March 20, 2006

DATE OF APPROVAL: April 11, 2006

FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:

[FINAL TEXT OF BILL](#) (1st reprint enacted)

A764

[SPONSOR'S STATEMENT:](#) (Begins on page 2 of original bill) [Yes](#)

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: [ASSEMBLY:](#) [Yes](#)

[SENATE:](#) [Yes](#)

FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT: No

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE: No

S574

[SPONSOR'S STATEMENT:](#) (Begins on page 2 of original bill) [Yes](#)

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: **ASSEMBLY:** No

[SENATE:](#) [Yes](#)

FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT: No

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE: No

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"Lawmakers outlaw computer-aided hunting," 4-15-2006. p1B

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P.L. 2006, CHAPTER 7, *approved April 11, 2006*
Assembly, No. 764 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning computer-assisted remote hunting, and
2 supplementing Title 23 of the Revised Statutes .
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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. a. No person shall engage in computer-assisted remote
8 hunting or provide or operate facilities for computer-assisted remote
9 hunting in the State.

10 b. As used in this act, "computer-assisted remote hunting"
11 means the use of a computer 'via an Internet connection¹' or any
12 other device '[,] or¹' equipment 'capable of establishing an Internet
13 connection¹ , or 'equipment or¹' software 'capable of being used
14 with an Internet connection,¹ to remotely 'access and¹ control the
15 aiming and discharge of a firearm, bow and arrow, or any other
16 weapon to hunt any game bird, game animal, or fur-bearing animal
17 in the State, and "facilities for computer-assisted remote hunting"
18 means real property and improvements on the property associated
19 with hunting, including hunting blinds, offices and rooms equipped
20 to facilitate computer-assisted remote hunting 'via an Internet
21 connection¹ .

22 'c. No provision of this section shall be construed to restrict the
23 use of equipment or devices, approved by the Fish and Game
24 Council, by properly licensed hunters in the act of hunting in the
25 field who require, because of a disability, handicap, or other
26 physical condition, the assistance of certain equipment or devices
27 that may or may not employ a computer or computerized parts in
28 order to hunt in the field.¹
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30 2. Any person who violates the provisions of this act shall be
31 liable to a civil penalty of up to \$500 for each offense, to be
32 collected in a civil action by a summary proceeding under the
33 "Penalty Enforcement Law of 1999," P.L.1999, c.274 (C.2A:58-10
34 et seq.). If the violation is of a continuing nature, each day during
35 which it continues shall constitute an additional, separate and
36 distinct offense.
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38 3. This act shall take effect immediately.
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41 _____
42 Prohibits computer-assisted remote hunting.

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.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly AAN committee amendments adopted January 26, 2006.

ASSEMBLY, No. 764

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

212th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2006 SESSION

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman ROBERT M. GORDON

District 38 (Bergen)

Assemblyman JOHN F. MCKEON

District 27 (Essex)

Co-Sponsored by:

**Assemblymen Gusciora, Conaway, Assemblywoman Voss and
Assemblyman Stanley**

SYNOPSIS

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12 software to remotely control the aiming and discharge of a firearm,
13 bow and arrow, or any other weapon to hunt any game bird, game
14 animal, or fur-bearing animal in the State, and "facilities for
15 computer-assisted remote hunting" means real property and
16 improvements on the property associated with hunting, including
17 hunting blinds, offices and rooms equipped to facilitate computer-
18 assisted remote hunting.

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26 distinct offense.

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STATEMENT

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33 This bill would prohibit any person from engaging in computer-
34 assisted remote hunting or providing or operating facilities for
35 computer-assisted remote hunting in the State. As defined in the
36 bill, "computer-assisted remote hunting" means the use of a
37 computer or any other device, equipment, or software to remotely
38 control the aiming and discharge of a firearm, bow and arrow, or
39 other weapon to hunt any game bird, game animal, or fur-bearing
40 animal in the State.

ASSEMBLY AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 764

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 26, 2006

The Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 764.

This bill, as amended, would prohibit any person from engaging in computer-assisted remote hunting or providing or operating facilities for computer-assisted remote hunting in the State. As defined in the bill, as amended, "computer-assisted remote hunting" means the use of a computer via an Internet connection or any other device or equipment capable of establishing an Internet connection, or equipment or software capable of being used with an Internet connection to remotely access and control the aiming and discharge of a firearm, bow and arrow, or any other weapon to hunt any game bird, game animal, or fur-bearing animal in the State, and "facilities for computer-assisted remote hunting" means real property and improvements on the property associated with hunting, including hunting blinds, offices and rooms equipped to facilitate computer-assisted remote hunting via an Internet connection.

The bill, as amended, also specifies that the provisions of the bill do not apply to the use of equipment or devices, approved by the Fish and Game Council, by properly licensed hunters in the act of hunting in the field who require, because of a disability, handicap, or other physical condition, the assistance of certain equipment or devices that may or may not employ a computer or computerized parts.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2006-2007 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

The committee amendments:

- 1) clarify that the prohibited computer-assisted remote hunting would involve an Internet connection; and
- 2) provide that the prohibition does not apply to the use of approved equipment or devices by properly licensed hunters in the act

of hunting in the field who require the equipment or devices because of a disability, handicap, or other physical condition.

SENATE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 764

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 6, 2006

The Senate Environment Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 764 (1R).

Assembly Bill No. 764 (1R) would prohibit any person from engaging in computer-assisted remote hunting or providing or operating facilities for computer-assisted remote hunting in the State.

As defined in the bill, "computer-assisted remote hunting" means the use of a computer via an Internet connection or any other device or equipment capable of establishing an Internet connection, or equipment or software capable of being used with an Internet connection to remotely access and control the aiming and discharge of a firearm, bow and arrow, or any other weapon to hunt any game bird, game animal, or fur-bearing animal in the State, and "facilities for computer-assisted remote hunting" means real property and improvements on the property associated with hunting, including hunting blinds, offices and rooms equipped to facilitate computer-assisted remote hunting via an Internet connection.

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As reported by the committee, this bill is identical to Senate Bill No.574 as amended and also reported by the committee.

SENATE, No. 574

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 212th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2006 SESSION

Sponsored by:

Senator HENRY P. MCNAMARA

District 40 (Bergen, Essex and Passaic)

Senator BARBARA BUONO

District 18 (Middlesex)

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SENATE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 574

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 6, 2006

The Senate Environment Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 574.

Senate Bill No. 574, as amended, would prohibit any person from engaging in computer-assisted remote hunting or providing or operating facilities for computer-assisted remote hunting in the State.

As defined in the bill, as amended, "computer-assisted remote hunting" means the use of a computer via an Internet connection or any other device or equipment capable of establishing an Internet connection, or equipment or software capable of being used with an Internet connection to remotely access and control the aiming and discharge of a firearm, bow and arrow, or any other weapon to hunt any game bird, game animal, or fur-bearing animal in the State, and "facilities for computer-assisted remote hunting" means real property and improvements on the property associated with hunting, including hunting blinds, offices and rooms equipped to facilitate computer-assisted remote hunting via an Internet connection.

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The committee amended the bill to:

- 1) clarify that the prohibited computer-assisted remote hunting would involve an Internet connection; and
- 2) provide that the prohibition does not apply to the use of approved equipment or devices by properly licensed hunters in the act of hunting in the field who require the equipment or devices because of a disability, handicap, or other physical condition.

As amended, Senate Bill No. 574 is identical to Assembly Bill No. 764 (1R).

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