
HOUSE BILL No. 1272

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 14-22-6-7.

Synopsis: Spotlighting wild animals. Prohibits a person from casting the rays of an artificial light from a motor vehicle in search of or upon any wild bird or wild animal from October through January, whether or not an occupant of the vehicle possesses a firearm, bow, or crossbow. Establishes an exception for certain persons engaged in agricultural procedures.

Effective: July 1, 2007.

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January 11, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on Natural Resources.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2006 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning natural and cultural resources.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 14-22-6-7 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: Sec. 7. (a) A person may not
 3 knowingly throw or cast the rays of any spotlight or other artificial
 4 light:
 5 (1) not required by law on a motor vehicle; and
 6 (2) in search of or upon any wild bird or wild animal;
 7 from a vehicle while the person possesses a firearm, bow, or crossbow,
 8 if by throwing or casting the rays a wild bird or wild animal could be
 9 killed. This subsection applies even though the animal is not killed,
 10 injured, shot at, or otherwise pursued.
 11 (b) A person may not take any wildlife, except furbearing mammals,
 12 with the aid of illumination of any spotlight, searchlight, or other
 13 artificial light.
 14 (c) A person may not shine a spotlight, searchlight, or other artificial
 15 light for the purpose of taking, attempting to take, or assisting another
 16 person to take a deer.
 17 (d) A person may not knowingly throw or cast the rays of a



1 spotlight or other artificial light from a motor vehicle in search of
2 or upon any wild bird or wild animal during the months of
3 October, November, December, or January. This subsection
4 applies even if no occupant of the vehicle possesses a firearm, bow,
5 or crossbow. This subsection does not apply to a person who is
6 engaged in normal agricultural procedures on property that the
7 person or the person's immediate family owns or controls by a
8 lease.

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