

HB 342 - AS INTRODUCED

2021 SESSION

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HOUSE BILL                    **342**

AN ACT                    relative to the taking of game by certain lever-action firearms.

SPONSORS:            Rep. Spillane, Rock. 2; Rep. Pearl, Merr. 26; Rep. Roy, Rock. 32; Rep. Verville,  
Rock. 2; Rep. Love, Rock. 6

COMMITTEE:          Fish and Game and Marine Resources

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ANALYSIS

This bill allows the taking of game with certain lever-action firearms.

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Explanation:          Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.  
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~  
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty One*

AN ACT                      relative to the taking of game by certain lever-action firearms.

*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

- 1            1 Fish and Game; Lawful Methods of Taking. Amend RSA 207:3, I to read as follows:
- 2            I. Wildlife shall be taken in the daytime between 1/2 hour before sunrise and 1/2 hour after
- 3 sunset with a gun, firearm, muzzleloader, or air rifle, fired at arm's length, ~~[or]~~ bow and arrow or
- 4 crossbow, ***or a lever-action carbine chambered in .357, .44 Magnum, or .45 Colt in any area***
- 5 ***where hunting is restricted to handgun or pistol***, unless otherwise specifically permitted. An
- 6 air rifle may be used to take small game but shall not be used to take moose, bear, turkey, or deer.
- 7 The executive director shall specify the method and manner of taking small game with an air rifle in
- 8 rules adopted pursuant to RSA 541-A.
- 9            2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.