

HB 1308 - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL **1308**

AN ACT prohibiting the capture, possession, and propagation of hares and rabbits for hunting dog training and field trials.

SPONSORS: Rep. Tucker, Coos 5; Rep. Thompson, Coos 1; Sen. Reagan, Dist 17

COMMITTEE: Fish and Game and Marine Resources

ANALYSIS

This bill prohibits the taking, keeping, or propagation in captivity of snowshoe hares or wild rabbits for the purpose of dog training.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

AN ACT prohibiting the capture, possession, and propagation of hares and rabbits for hunting dog training and field trials.

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

1 1 New Section; General Provisions as to Fish and Game; Dogs; Use of Snowshoe Hares or Wild
2 Rabbits for Training Prohibited. Amend RSA 207 by inserting after section 12-c the following new
3 section:

4 207:12-d Use of Snowshoe Hares and Wild Rabbits for Dog Training Prohibited. No person or
5 sporting dog club shall take live snowshoe hares or rabbits from the wild in this state and keep or
6 propagate such animals in captivity for the purpose of using them for dog training, to stock a
7 training site, or in field trials. All snowshoe hares or rabbits held in captivity as of the effective date
8 of this section shall be returned to the wild under the direction of executive director of fish and
9 game. Any snowshoe hares or rabbits which cannot be released back into the wild shall be
10 surrendered to a wildlife rehabilitator.

11 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.