

State of Arkansas
95th General Assembly
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A Bill

SENATE BILL 15

By: Senator J. Boyd

By: Representative Beaty Jr.

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING NEGLIGENT
DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS WHILE HUNTING DEER; TO REPEAL §
15-43-205; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS WHILE HUNTING
DEER; AND TO REPEAL § 15-43-205.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 15-43-205 is repealed.

~~15-43-205. Negligent discharge of firearms while hunting deer.~~

~~(a) The General Assembly has become aware of the fact that many persons hunting deer in this state negligently allow their firearms to be discharged without exercising proper care to ascertain the object at which they shoot, thereby endangering the life, limb, and property of other persons. It is the intent of this section to deter the negligent use of firearms by deer hunters by imposing penalties therefor.~~

~~(b) A person who, while hunting deer, negligently discharges a firearm in such circumstances as to endanger the person or property of another shall be fined in an amount not less than one hundred dollars (\$100) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or may be imprisoned in the county jail for a period not less than thirty (30) days nor more than six (6) months, or be both fined and imprisoned.~~

APPROVED: 2/11/25

