

CHAPTER 261

AN ACT concerning the transportation of deer, amending R.S.23:4-47 and repealing P.L.1969, c.306.

BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

1. R.S.23:4-47 is amended to read as follows:

Dead deer, tagging procedures, transportation; violations, penalties; rules, regulations.

23:4-47. A person who kills a deer in this State at any time during the legal seasons shall immediately attach thereto the deer transportation tag supplied with the hunting license and shall transport the deer to a deer checking station before 7:00 p.m. on the day the deer was killed, for registering the kill and having a legal possession tag affixed, which possession tag shall remain attached until the carcass has been consumed.

A person not required to purchase a hunting license under provisions of R.S.23:3-1, who kills a deer in this State at any time during the legal seasons, or a person who has lost the transportation tag supplied with the hunting license, shall make and attach a transportation tag immediately after killing the animal, clearly stating the person's name and address, and if holding a license to hunt, the license number, with the date, township if known, and county in which the deer was killed and shall transport the deer to a checking station for registration as herein prescribed.

The division shall designate such checking stations as it deems necessary and shall prescribe regulations for their operation.

All deer killed during prescribed seasons shall be presented for registration at the nearest deer checking station by the person who killed the deer, and it shall be registered in that person's name. No person shall present a deer for registration, or permit to be registered in the person's name, any deer which the person did not kill. No person shall at any time in any manner transport any deer killed during a prescribed season, unless there is a legal tag securely attached to the deer. If the deer is being transported by a person other than the licensee, written permission signed by the licensee killing the deer must be in possession of the driver.

No person shall have in possession at any time any deer, or parts of a deer, which has not been legally registered. The owner of a legally registered deer may give away parts of the deer provided each separate part is plainly labeled with the name and address of the person who registered the deer, the possession tag number assigned to the deer, and the name and address of the person to whom it was given.

A person who fails to properly tag a deer and transport it to a checking station, or who borrows, loans, transfers, buys, sells or purloins any deer tag of another, shall be liable to the penalty prescribed by R.S.23:4-48.

The division shall adopt, pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), any rules and regulations necessary to implement this section and to prescribe the tagging requirements for deer killed in a manner other than during a prescribed season.

Repealer.

2. P.L.1969, c.306 (C.23:4-47.1) is repealed.
3. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved December 11, 2001.