

Department of Planning and Budget

2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB344

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Lewis, Jr.

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses.

4. Title: Sunday hunting; rails.

5. Summary: This bill exempts any person who hunts rallidae, the family of birds that includes rails and other wetland birds, from the prohibition on hunting on Sunday. The exemption is subject to geographical limitations established by the Director of the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries and is not allowed within 200 yards of a place of worship or any accessory structure thereof. Current law allows, under certain circumstances, people who hunt raccoons or waterfowl or hunt on private property to do so on Sundays. The bill also makes technical amendments.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Final.

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, this bill may result in a slight expansion of Sunday hunting opportunities. Those wanting to hunt rails would likely already have their appropriate licenses, so the department does not anticipate an increased fiscal impact as a result of this bill.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Game and Inland Fisheries.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.