

# **HOUSE . . . . . No. 4114**

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 27, 2014.

The committee on Ways and Means to whom was referred the Bill authorizing the use of bow and arrows for Sunday deer hunting (House, No. 4074), reports recommending that the same ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor the accompanying bill (House, No. 4114).

For the committee,

BRIAN S. DEMPSEY

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand Fourteen**  
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An Act authorizing the use of bow and arrows for Sunday deer hunting.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           SECTION 1. Section 5 of chapter 131 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012  
2 Official Edition , is hereby amended by inserting, after the first paragraph, the following  
3 paragraph:-

4           Notwithstanding section 57 of this chapter, the director may declare any Sunday within  
5 the last 3 months of a calendar year as open season for the hunting of deer by bow and arrow  
6 only. The director may establish rules and regulations for such open season, subject to the  
7 approval of the fisheries and wildlife board; provided that hunting during such open season may  
8 be limited to specific areas as defined by the director and may be suspended or modified when,  
9 in the director’s opinion, such action becomes necessary.

10           SECTION 2. Section 57 of said chapter 131, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
11 striking out, in line 2, the words “sections four, thirty-one and thirty seven,” and inserting in  
12 place thereof the following words:- sections 4, 5, 31 and 37 of this chapter.

13           SECTION 3. Said section 57 of said chapter 131, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
14 inserting at the end thereof the following sentence:-

15           This section shall also not render unlawful the possession or carrying of a bow and arrow,  
16 or to use the same, for the purpose of the hunting of deer on any Sunday that is an open season as  
17 declared by the director and as established by rule or regulation under section 5.