

# HOUSE BILL NO. 2169

## 100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE SHARP (36).

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

### AN ACT

To amend chapter 571, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to Blair's law, with penalty provisions.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Chapter 571, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 571.031, to read as follows:

- 571.031. 1. This section shall be known and may be cited as "Blair's Law".**
- 2. A person commits the offense of unlawful discharge of a firearm if, with criminal negligence, he or she discharges a firearm within or into the limits of any municipality.**
- 3. This subsection shall not apply if the firearm is discharged:**
- (1) As allowed by a defense of justification under chapter 563;**
  - (2) On a properly supervised shooting range;**
  - (3) To lawfully take wildlife during an open season established by the department of conservation. Nothing in this subdivision shall prevent a municipality from adopting an ordinance restricting the discharge of a firearm within one-quarter mile of an occupied structure;**
  - (4) For the control of nuisance wildlife as permitted by the department of conservation or the United States Fish and Wildlife Service;**
  - (5) By special permit of the chief of police of the municipality;**
  - (6) As required by an animal control officer in the performance of his or her duties;**
  - (7) Using blanks;**
  - (8) More than one mile from any occupied structure;**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

17           **(9) In self-defense or defense of another person against an animal attack if a**  
18 **reasonable person would believe that deadly physical force against the animal is**  
19 **immediately necessary and reasonable under the circumstances to protect oneself or the**  
20 **other person; or**

21           **(10) By law enforcement personnel, as defined under section 590.1040, or a member**  
22 **of the United States Armed Forces if acting in an official capacity.**

23           **4. A person who commits the offense of discharge of a firearm shall be guilty of:**

24           **(1) For a first offense, a class B misdemeanor;**

25           **(2) For a second offense, a class A misdemeanor; and**

26           **(3) For a third or subsequent offense, a class E felony.**

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