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HOUSE BILL NO. 883

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE MCGAUGH.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 252, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to discharge of a firearm across property lines, with a penalty provision.

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

Section A. Chapter 252, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 252.044, to read as follows:

252.044. 1. A person commits the offense of unlawful discharge of a firearm across a property line if such person, while hunting or engaged in recreational shooting, knowingly discharges a firearm and the projectile from the firearm travels across a property line.

2. It shall be a defense to prosecution under this section that the person:

(1) Owns the property on both sides of each property line crossed by the projectile;
or

(2) Has a written agreement with any person who owns property on either side of each property line crossed by the projectile that allows the person to discharge a firearm on, over, or across the property or property line.

3. The written agreement under subdivision (2) of subsection 2 of this section shall:

(1) Contain the name of the person allowed to hunt or engage in recreational shooting in a manner described in subsection 1 of this section;

(2) Identify the property on either side of the property line crossed by the projectile; and

(3) Be signed by any person who owns the property on either side of the line crossed by the projectile.

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.

18 **4. Any person who violates this section is guilty of a class C misdemeanor.**

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