

113TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 542

To limit restrictions on deer hunting within the Kisatchie National Forest.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 6, 2013

Mr. FLEMING introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Agriculture

A BILL

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National Forest.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. HUNTING IN KISATCHIE NATIONAL FOREST.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Consistent with the Act of June
5 4, 1897 (16 U.S.C. 551), the Secretary of Agriculture may
6 not restrict the use of dogs in deer hunting activities in
7 Kisatchie National Forest, unless such restrictions—

8 (1) apply to the smallest practicable portions of
9 such unit; and

10 (2) are necessary to reduce or control trespass
11 onto land adjacent to such unit.

1 (b) PRIOR RESTRICTIONS VOID.—Any restrictions re-
2 garding the use of dogs in deer hunting activities in
3 Kisatchie National Forest in force on the date of the en-
4 actment of this Act shall be void and have no force or
5 effect.

6 (c) ADJACENT LANDOWNERS.—Landowners whose
7 property abuts a unit of the Kisatchie National Forest
8 may petition the Secretary of Agriculture to restrict the
9 use of dogs in deer hunting activities that take place on
10 such units which abut their property. If the Secretary of
11 Agriculture receives a petition from an adjacent land-
12 owner, the Secretary, after notice and opportunity for a
13 hearing, may impose restrictions on the use of dogs in deer
14 hunting—

15 (1) limited to those units of the Kisatchie Na-
16 tional Forest within 300 yards of the boundary of
17 the petitioning landowner's property; and

18 (2) consistent with subsection (a).

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