DRAFTER'S NOTE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

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1. This draft prohibits the possession of certain firearms during the 24-period before the beginning of deer hunting season and creates certain exceptions to the prohibition. I did not include an exception for "shooting preserves" as instructed because that term is vague and is not used elsewhere in ch. 29. Instead, the draft exempts persons who hunt on the game farms specified in the draft. Is this O.K.?

2. The draft provides that the prohibition applies to persons who possess firearms of the type that are used for hunting, as specified by the department. This would ensure that persons who possess firearms that are not used for hunting would not be subject to the prohibition.

3. The draft, as instructed, creates an exception to the prohibition for persons who are engaged in target shooting at a target shooting range. The draft specifies that the target shooting range must be one that is open to the public to ensure that the target shooting occurs at a bona fide range. Is this O.K.?

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