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CHAPTER 331

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§ 2951. Collision with deer; procedure

The resident owner of every motor vehicle which has been substantially damaged by collision with a deer shall, within 24 hours thereafter, report the accident to a game warden. The warden shall investigate and, if he finds the damage has been done as alleged, he shall give a certificate to such person entitling such person to the ownership of the carcass to be possessed and consumed only within the immediate family of the owner of said vehicle.

R.S.1954, c. 37, § 96; 1955, c. 158.

§ 2952. Collision with wild animal or bird; no damages paid

No claim for damages to motor vehicles by a protected wild animal or wild bird shall be paid by the State.

R.S.1954, c. 37, § 95.

§ 2953. Shooting human being while hunting; penalty

Whoever, while on a hunting trip or in the pursuit of wild game or game birds, negligently or carelessly shoots and wounds, or kills any human being, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000 or by imprisonment for not more than 11 months. The hunting license of any such person convicted under this section shall be immediately revoked by the commissioner upon receipt of an attested copy of the court records and such person shall not thereafter be privileged to procure a hunting license. Such license shall not be revoked pending appeal.

Any person whose hunting license has been revoked upon conviction of violating this section may, after the expiration of one year from the date of such revocation, petition the commissioner for restoration of his privilege to procure such a license. The commissioner, after hearing and after his determination that

public safety will not be endangered by the restoration to the petitioner of such privilege, may restore the same. If the commissioner disallows such a petition and thereby refuses to grant the restoration of such privilege, the petitioner may appeal to the commissioner's advisory council which, after hearing on said petition, may allow the same and restore such privilege.

R.S.1954, c. 37, § 146; 1957, c. 278.

§ 2954. Reports and investigation of hunting accidents

Whoever knows of the wounding or killing of a human being as set forth in section 2953 shall forthwith report the same to the sheriff of the county where the accident occurred or the State Police. Such sheriff or the State Police shall immediately notify the county attorney and the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game. Such sheriff or the State Police and the county attorney shall promptly make an investigation and prosecute any violation.

R.S.1954, c. 37, § 147; 1963, c. 184.