

**Background Report
Draft Rule 68A-12.007
Agenda Item 6
December 11, 2019**

DRAFT RULE

RULE NO: 68A-12.007 **RULE TITLE:** Hunting Dogs; Molesting Game in Closed Season; Training; Field Trials; Prohibited for Certain Hunting.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of the proposed rule amendment is to minimize conflict related to the use of free-running dogs to pursue deer, wild hog, fox or coyote on public and private lands. The effect of the proposed rule amendment will be that all dogs not under physical restraint used to pursue deer, wild hog, fox or coyote must be equipped and monitored with devices that allow remote tracking and behavior correction.

SUMMARY: The proposed rule amendment would require that all dogs not under physical restraint used for pursuing deer, wild hog, fox and coyote (except for dogs used to pursue wild hog, fox or coyote during sanctioned mounted field trial events) must be equipped and monitored with devices that allow remote tracking (Global Positioning System (GPS) or telemetry) and behavior correction. The device(s) must be attached by a collar or similar means and must be used to prevent dog egress from authorized areas or ingress into unauthorized areas. Removing, tampering, or otherwise interfering with any collar or tag (including remote tracking devices and behavior correction collars) of a dog used for hunting without the owner's permission is prohibited. The tracking device requirement in this rule would not take effect until July 1, 2021 and the correction device requirement in this rule would not take effect until July 1, 2022.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS AS FOLLOWS:

68A-12.007 Hunting Dogs; Molesting Game in Closed Season; Training; Field Trials; Prohibited for Certain Hunting.

(1) All dogs used for taking or attempting to take, trailing, pursuing, or molesting wildlife shall wear a collar or tag which shall legibly display the name and address of the owner of the dog. No person shall use any dog to take or attempt to take, trail, pursue or molest wildlife unless such dog is wearing a collar or tag displaying the information required above. Removing, tampering, or otherwise interfering with any collar or tag (including remote tracking and behavior correction devices) of a dog used for hunting without the owner's permission is prohibited.

(a) All dogs not under physical restraint used for pursuing deer, wild hog, fox, or coyote must be equipped and monitored with devices that allow remote tracking and behavior correction, except for dogs used to pursue wild hog, fox or coyote during sanctioned mounted field trial events. The device(s) must be attached by a collar or similar means and must be used to deter dog egress from authorized areas or ingress into unauthorized areas. The remote tracking device(s) must include Global Positioning System (GPS) or telemetry tracking. Effective Dates: The remote tracking device requirement in this paragraph shall not take effect until July 1, 2021 and the behavior correction device requirement in this paragraph shall not take effect until July 1, 2022.

(2) through (11) No change.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2020

Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. History—New 8-1-79, Amended 6-22-80, 6-21-82, 7-27-83, 7-5-84, 7-1-85, Formerly 39-12.07, Amended 4-11-90, 3-1-94, 7-1-94, 9-7-97, Formerly 39-12.007, Amended 12-9-99, 8-22-04, 7-17-05, 7-1-08, 7-1-10, 7-29-15, 7-1-20.