

NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT (EXCERPT)
Act 451 of 1994

324.43513 Carrying, transporting, or possessing firearm, slingshot, bow, or crossbow; hunting license not required; hunting on game bird hunting preserve; carrying or possessing unloaded and uncocked weapon.

Sec. 43513. (1) An individual may carry, transport, or possess a firearm without a hunting license if the firearm is unloaded and either enclosed in a case or carried in a vehicle in a location that is not readily accessible to any occupant of the vehicle. An individual may carry, transport, or possess a slingshot, bow, or crossbow without a hunting license if the slingshot, bow, or crossbow is unloaded and uncocked, enclosed in a case, or carried in a vehicle in a location that is not readily accessible to any occupant of the vehicle.

(2) Regardless of whether the individual has a license or it is open season for the taking of game, an individual may carry, transport, possess, or discharge a firearm, a bow, or a crossbow if all of the following apply:

(a) The individual is not taking or attempting to take game but is engaged in 1 or more of the following activities:

- (i) Target practice using an identifiable, artificially constructed target or targets.
- (ii) Practice with silhouettes, plinking, skeet, or trap.
- (iii) Sighting-in the firearm, bow, or crossbow.

(b) The individual is, or is accompanied by or has the permission of, either of the following:

- (i) The owner of the property on which the activity under subdivision (a) is taking place.
- (ii) The lessee of that property for a term of not less than 1 year.

(c) The owner or lessee of the property does not receive remuneration for the activity under subdivision (a).

(3) An individual may carry, transport, or possess a firearm, slingshot, bow, or crossbow without a hunting license if the individual is hunting on a game bird hunting preserve licensed under part 417.

(4) An individual may carry or possess an unloaded weapon at any time if the individual is traveling to or from or participating in a historical reenactment.

(5) As used in this section:

(a) "Uncocked" means the following:

- (i) For a bow, that the bow is not in the drawn position.
- (ii) For a crossbow, that the crossbow is not in the cocked position.
- (iii) For a slingshot, that the slingshot is not in the drawn position.

(b) "Unloaded" means the following:

(i) For a firearm, that the firearm does not have ammunition in the barrel, chamber, cylinder, clip, or magazine when the barrel, chamber, cylinder, clip, or magazine is part of or attached to the firearm.

(ii) For a bow, that an arrow is not nocked.

(iii) For a crossbow, that a bolt is not in the flight groove.

(iv) For a slingshot, that the slingshot does not have ammunition in the projectile pocket.

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