

**REPEAL SUNSET FOR THE TAKING
OF RAPTORS FOR FALCONRY**

House Bill 4896

Sponsor: Rep. Randy Richardville

**Committee: Conservation and Outdoor
Recreation**

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4896 AS INTRODUCED 6-25-03

Public Act 470 of 1998 amended Part 401 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (concerning wildlife conservation) to require that the Department of Natural Resources issue an order establishing a season or seasons for falconers to take certain raptors for use in falconry. The act contains a sunset provision, repealing the above provision in five years - January 4, 2004. House Bill 4896 would repeal the sunset provision.

[Note: Generally speaking, a “raptor” is a live migratory bird, such as a peregrine hawk, great horned owl, or snowy owl. These birds are often trained to capture other game, and the taking of game in such a manner is known as “falconry”. Public Act 470 of 1998 refers specifically to red-tailed hawks, cooper’s hawks, American kestrels, and sharp-shinned hawks.]

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