

Proposed Regulatory Language

Section 354, Title 14, California Code of Regulations, is amended to read as follows:

§ 354. Archery Equipment and Crossbow Regulations.

[No changes to subsections (a) through (e)]

~~(f) No bow or crossbow may be used which will not cast a legal hunting arrow, except flu-flu arrows, a horizontal distance of 130 yards. It shall be unlawful to use any bow or crossbow without a draw weight of at least 30 pounds for a bow or 125 pounds for a cross bow.~~

(g) Except as described in subsection 354(j), crossbows may not be used to take game birds and game mammals during archery seasons.

~~(h) Except as provided in subsection 353(g) of these regulations and in Section 4370 of the Fish and Game Code, archers may not possess a firearm while hunting in the field during any archery season, or while hunting during a general season under the provisions of an archery only tag. Archers may not use or possess a firearm while in the field engaged in archery hunting during an archery season or while hunting during a general season under the provisions of an archery only tag except as provided in subsections (h)(1) or (h)(2).~~

(1) An archer may carry a firearm capable of being concealed on his or her person while engaged in the taking of big game other than deer with a bow and arrow in accordance with subdivision (h), but shall not take or attempt to take big game with the firearm.

(2) Nothing in this section shall prohibit the lawful possession of a firearm capable of being concealed on his or her person by an active peace officer listed in Chapter 4.5 (commencing with Section 830) of Title 3 of Part 2 of the Penal Code or a retired peace officer in lawful possession of an identification certificate issued pursuant to Penal Code Section 25455 authorizing the retired officer to carry a concealed firearm.

[No changes to subsections (i) through (k)]

Note: Authority cited: Sections 200, ~~202, 203, and 240,~~ and 265, Fish and Game Code.
Reference: Sections 200, ~~202, 203, 203.1, 265, and 2005,~~ and ~~4370,~~ Fish and Game Code.