

**IC 14-22-40**

Chapter 40. Shooting at Law Enforcement Decoys

**IC 14-22-40-1**

**"Bow" defined**

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "bow" means any device that is intended to shoot an arrow. The term includes a crossbow.

*As added by P.L.133-1996, SEC.7.*

**IC 14-22-40-2**

**"Decoy" defined**

Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "decoy" means a three-dimensional object that:

- (1) resembles; and
- (2) is intended to resemble;

a game animal or other animal when placed in the animal's habitat.

*As added by P.L.133-1996, SEC.7.*

**IC 14-22-40-3**

**"Firearm" defined**

Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "firearm" means any weapon that is designed to expel a projectile by means of an explosion.

*As added by P.L.133-1996, SEC.7.*

**IC 14-22-40-4**

**"Game animal" defined**

Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "game animal" means an animal that may be legally taken under this article.

*As added by P.L.133-1996, SEC.7.*

**IC 14-22-40-5**

**"Law enforcement officer" defined**

Sec. 5. As used in this chapter, "law enforcement officer" has the meaning set forth in IC 35-41-1-17. The term includes a conservation officer.

*As added by P.L.133-1996, SEC.7. Amended by P.L.26-2008, SEC.17.*

**IC 14-22-40-6**

**Unlawful shooting at law enforcement decoys**

Sec. 6. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), a person who with a firearm or bow intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly:

- (1) shoots; or
- (2) shoots at;

a decoy used by a law enforcement officer to enforce this article commits a Class C misdemeanor.

(b) A person described in subsection (a) does not commit the offense defined in subsection (a) if the person, in:

- (1) shooting with the firearm or bow; and
- (2) hunting the game animal that the decoy is intended to

represent;  
does not otherwise violate this article.  
*As added by P.L.133-1996, SEC.7.*

**IC 14-22-40-7**

**Reimbursement**

Sec. 7. To compensate for harm caused to decoys, a person convicted of an offense under section 6 of this chapter shall reimburse the state one hundred dollars (\$100) for each commission of the offense. The reimbursement required by this section is in addition to any penalty imposed on the person under IC 35-50-3.  
*As added by P.L.133-1996, SEC.7.*

**IC 14-22-40-8**

**Collection and deposit of reimbursement**

Sec. 8. The court that convicts a person of an offense under section 6 of this chapter shall collect the reimbursement required by section 7 of this chapter and transmit the reimbursement to the department. The department shall deposit the reimbursement in the conservation officers fish and wildlife fund established by IC 14-9-8-21.  
*As added by P.L.133-1996, SEC.7.*