

Senate Bill No. 467—Committee on Natural Resources

CHAPTER.....

AN ACT relating to wildlife; requiring the board of wildlife commissioners to establish the maximum number of deer and antelope tags which may be issued annually as compensation for damage to private property; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. NRS 502.145 is hereby amended to read as follows:

502.145 1. An owner, lessee or manager of private land in this state may apply to the division for the issuance to him of one or more deer or antelope tags as provided in this section. The tags must be issued as compensation for damage caused by deer or antelope to the private land or to any improvements thereon.

2. An application made pursuant to this section must:

(a) Be made in the form prescribed by the division;

(b) Establish to the satisfaction of the division that the applicant has sustained damage of the kind described in subsection 1; and

(c) Be accompanied by the fee charged for the tags pursuant to NRS 502.250 and any fee charged for administrative costs.

3. The division shall review the application, may conduct any investigation it deems appropriate and, if it approves the application, shall issue to the applicant not more than one tag for each 50 animals present on the private land owned, leased or managed by the applicant. Both deer and antelope tags may be issued to an applicant. ~~Not more than 200 tags may be issued annually by the division pursuant to this section.~~

4. A tag issued as compensation for damage pursuant to this section:

(a) May be used by the owner, lessee or manager of the private land if he holds a valid Nevada hunting license, or may be sold by that person to any holder of a valid Nevada hunting license at any price mutually agreed upon;

(b) Except as otherwise provided in subparagraph (2) of paragraph (c) of this subsection, must be used on the private land or in the unit or units within the management area or areas in which the private land is located; and

(c) May only be used during:

(1) The open season for the species for which the tag is issued; or

(2) A special season prescribed by regulation of the commission for the use of such tags only on the private land.

5. As a condition of receiving a tag from the division pursuant to this section, an owner, lessee or manager who is lawfully in control of private land that blocks access to adjacent public land must provide access to the public land during the hunting season to a person or hunting party with a tag for the purpose of hunting on the public land.

6. Insofar as they are consistent with this section, the provisions of this Title and of the regulations adopted by the commission apply to the issuance and use of tags pursuant to this section. The commission ~~may~~ :

(a) Shall by regulation establish the maximum number of tags which may be issued annually by the division pursuant to this section, which

must not exceed 1.5 percent of the total number of deer and antelope tags which are authorized for issuance annually throughout the state; and

(b) May adopt any *other* regulations it deems necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.

7. The administrator shall, not later than the fifth calendar day of each regular session of the legislature, submit to the director of the legislative counsel bureau for distribution to the legislature a report summarizing the activities of the division taken pursuant to the provisions of this section during the preceding biennium, including any problems associated with the issuance and use of tags authorized by this section and any recommendations for correcting those problems.

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2001.