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SENATE BILL NO. 420-COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

(ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION)

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Referred to Committee on Natural Resources

SUMMARY—Makes various changes relating to Division of Wildlife of State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. (BDR 45-1254)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: Yes. Effect on the State: Yes.

EXPLANATION - Matter in bolded italics is new; matter between brackets [omitted material] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to wildlife; authorizing the Division of Wildlife of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources under certain circumstances to suspend, revoke, or refuse to issue or renew any license, tag, permit, certificate or other document of a person who fails to pay a civil penalty timely; prohibiting certain persons from hunting certain upland game birds under certain circumstances; imposing and revising certain fees; creating the Wildlife Obligated Reserve Account in the State General Fund; requiring the Commission to adopt certain regulations; providing a penalty; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

- 1 **Secs. 1-3.** (Deleted by amendment.)
- 2 **Sec. 4.** NRS 501.181 is hereby amended to read as follows:
 - 501.181 The Commission shall:
- 4 1. Establish broad policies for:

- 5 (a) The protection, propagation, restoration, transplanting,
- 6 introduction and management of wildlife in this state.



- (b) The promotion of the safety of persons using or property used in the operation of vessels on the waters of this state.
- (c) The promotion of uniformity of laws relating to policy matters.
- 2. Guide the Division in its administration and enforcement of the provisions of this title and of chapter 488 of NRS by the establishment of such policies.
 - 3. Establish policies for areas of interest including:
- (a) The management of big and small game mammals, upland and migratory game birds, fur-bearing mammals, game fish, and protected and unprotected mammals, birds, fish, reptiles and amphibians.
 - (b) The control of wildlife depredations.

- (c) The acquisition of lands, water rights and easements and other property for the management, propagation, protection and restoration of wildlife.
- (d) The entry, access to, and occupancy and use of such property, including leases of grazing rights, sales of agricultural products and requests by the Administrator to the State Land Registrar for the sale of timber if the sale does not interfere with the use of the property on which the timber is located for wildlife management or for hunting or fishing thereon.
 - (e) The control of nonresident hunters.
 - (f) The introduction, transplanting or exporting of wildlife.
- (g) Cooperation with federal, state and local agencies on wildlife and boating programs.
- (h) The revocation of licenses issued pursuant to this title to any person who is convicted of a violation of any provision of this title or any regulation adopted pursuant thereto.
- 4. Establish regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this title and of chapter 488 of NRS, including:
- (a) [Regular and special seasons] Seasons for hunting game mammals and game birds, for hunting or trapping fur-bearing mammals and for fishing, the daily and possession limits, the manner and means of taking wildlife, including, but not limited to, the sex, size or other physical differentiation for each species, and, when necessary for management purposes, the emergency closing or extending of a season, reducing or increasing of the bag or possession limits on a species, or the closing of any area to hunting, fishing or trapping. The regulations must be established after first considering the recommendations of the Division, the county advisory boards to manage wildlife and others who wish to present their views at an open meeting. Any regulations relating to the closure of a season must be based upon scientific data concerning



the management of wildlife. The data upon which the regulations are based must be collected or developed by the Division.

- (b) The manner of using, attaching, filling out, punching, inspecting, validating or reporting tags.
- (c) The delineation of game management units embracing contiguous territory located in more than one county, irrespective of county boundary lines.
- (d) The number of licenses issued [to nonresidents] for big game and, if necessary, other game species. [for the regular and special seasons.]
- 5. Adopt regulations requiring the Division to make public, before official delivery, its proposed responses to any requests by federal agencies for its comment on drafts of statements concerning the environmental effect of proposed actions or regulations affecting public lands.
 - 6. Adopt regulations:

- (a) Governing the provisions of the permit required by NRS 502.390 and for the issuance, renewal and revocation of such a permit.
- (b) Establishing the method for determining the amount of an assessment, and the time and manner of payment, necessary for the collection of the assessment required by NRS 502.390.
- 7. Designate those portions of wildlife management areas for big game mammals that are of special concern for the regulation of the importation, possession and propagation of alternative livestock pursuant to NRS 576.129.
 - **Sec. 4.5.** NRS 501.356 is hereby amended to read as follows:
 - 501.356 1. Money received by the Division from:
- 29 (a) The sale of licenses;
 - (b) Fees pursuant to the provisions of NRS 488.075 and 488.1795;
 - (c) Remittances from the State Treasurer pursuant to the provisions of NRS 365.535;
 - (d) Appropriations made by the Legislature; and
 - (e) All other sources, except money derived from the forfeiture of any property described in NRS 501.3857 or money deposited in the Wildlife Heritage Trust Account pursuant to NRS 501.3575 or in the Trout Management Account pursuant to NRS 502.327,
 - must be deposited with the State Treasurer for credit to the Wildlife Account in the State General Fund.
 - 2. The interest and income earned on the money in the Wildlife Account, after deducting any applicable charges, must be credited to the Account.
 - 3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, the Division may use money in the Wildlife Account only to carry out the



provisions of this title and chapter 488 of NRS and as provided in NRS 365.535, and the money must not be diverted to any other use.

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- 4. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 502.250 [, 502.310] and 504.155, all fees for the sale or issuance of stamps, tags, permits and licenses that are required to be deposited in the Wildlife Account pursuant to the provisions of this title must be accounted for separately and may be used only for the management of wildlife.
 - **Sec. 5.** NRS 501.3855 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 501.3855 1. In addition to the penalties provided for the violation of any of the provisions of this title, every person who unlawfully kills or possesses a big game mammal, bobcat, swan or eagle is liable for a civil penalty of not less than \$250 nor more than \$5,000.
- 2. For unlawful killing or possession of fish or wildlife not included in subsection 1, the court may order the defendant to pay a civil penalty of not less than \$25 nor more than \$1,000.
- 3. For hunting, fishing or trapping without a valid license, tag or permit, the court may order the defendant to pay a civil penalty of not less than \$50 nor more than \$250.
- 4. Every court, before whom a defendant is convicted of unlawfully killing or possessing any wildlife, shall order the defendant to pay the civil penalty in the amount stated in this section for each mammal, bird or fish unlawfully killed or possessed. The court shall fix the manner and time of payment.
- 5. The Division may attempt to collect all penalties and installments that are in default in any manner provided by law for the enforcement of a judgment.
- 6. If a person who is ordered to pay a civil penalty pursuant to this section fails to do so within 90 days after the date set forth in the order, the Division may suspend, revoke, or refuse to issue or renew any license, tag, permit, certificate or other document or privilege otherwise available to the person pursuant to this title or chapter 488 of NRS.
- 7. Each court that receives money pursuant to the provisions of this section shall forthwith remit the money to the Division which shall deposit the money with the State Treasurer for credit to the Wildlife Account in the State General Fund.
- **Sec. 6.** Chapter 502 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 7 to 11, inclusive, of this 40
 - Sec. 7. 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, it is unlawful for any person to hunt any upland game bird, except turkey and crow, unless at the time he is hunting he carries on his person such documentation as the Division provides as proof that



he has paid to the Division, for the licensing period that includes the time he is hunting, the fee required pursuant to this section.

- 2. The provisions of this section do not apply to a person who is under the age of 12 years.
- 3. The documentation required pursuant to this section must be sold by the Division, and persons authorized by the Division to sell hunting licenses, for a fee of \$10.
- 4. The Division shall determine the form of the documentation.
- Sec. 8. All money received pursuant to section 7 of this act must be deposited with the State Treasurer for credit to the Wildlife Obligated Reserve Account in the State General Fund. The Division shall maintain separate accounting records for the receipt and expenditure of that money. An amount not to exceed 10 percent of that money may be used to reimburse the Division for the cost of administering the program of documentation. This amount is in addition to compensation allowed persons authorized to issue and sell licenses.
- Sec. 9. 1. Before the Division may undertake any project using money received pursuant to section 7 of this act, it must analyze the project and provide the Commission with recommendations as to the need for the project and its feasibility.
- 2. Money received pursuant to section 7 of this act must be used for projects approved by the Commission for the protection and propagation of upland game birds and for the acquisition, development and preservation of the habitats of upland game birds in this state.
- Sec. 10. The Division shall, not later than the fifth calendar day of each regular session of the Legislature, submit to it a report summarizing any projects undertaken and the receipt and expenditure of money and public benefits achieved by the program for the sale of documentation to hunt any upland game bird, except turkey and crow.
- Sec. 11. 1. In addition to any fee charged and collected for an annual hunting, trapping, fishing or combined hunting and fishing license pursuant to NRS 502.240, a habitat conservation fee of \$3 must be paid.
 - 2. The Wildlife Obligated Reserve Account is hereby created in the State General Fund. Revenue from the habitat conservation fee must be accounted for separately, deposited with the State Treasurer for credit to the Wildlife Obligated Reserve Account and, except as otherwise provided in NRS 502.310 and section 8 of this act, used by the Division for the purposes of wildlife habitat rehabilitation and restoration. The interest and income earned on



the money in the Wildlife Obligated Reserve Account, after deducting any applicable charges, must be credited to the Account.

- 3. The money in the Wildlife Obligated Reserve Account remains in the Account and does not revert to the State General Fund at the end of any fiscal year.
- **Sec. 12.** NRS 502.040 is hereby amended to read as follows: 502.040 1. The Commission shall adopt regulations [regarding:] establishing:
 - (a) The procedures for applying to become a license agent.
- (b) The standards to be met by license agents in the performance of their duties.
- (b) (c) The requirements for the furnishing of surety bonds by license agents. [:
- (c)] (d) The manner of remitting money to the Division. [; and
- (d)] (e) The manner of accounting for licenses, tags, stamps, [and] permits and other documents received, issued, sold or returned.

A license agent's authority may be revoked by the Division for his failure to abide by the regulations of the Commission. The agent may appeal to the Commission for reinstatement.

- 2. An application to become a license agent must be accompanied by a fee of \$100 for processing the application.
- 3. A license agent designated by the Division is responsible for the correct issuance of all licenses, tags, stamps, [and] permits and other documents entrusted to him [,] and, so far as he is able, for ensuring that no licenses are issued upon the false statement of an applicant. Before issuing any license, the license agent shall satisfy himself of the identity of the applicant and the place of his residence, and may require any applicant to present proof of his identity and residence.
- [3.] 4. A license agent is responsible to the Division for the collection of the correct and required fee, for the safeguarding of the money collected by him [,] and for the prompt remission to the Division for deposit in accordance with NRS 501.356 of all money collected. The Division shall furnish to the license agent receipts for all money which he remits to it. A license agent shall furnish a receipt to the Division of all licenses, tags, stamps, [or] permits and other documents which he receives from it.
- [4.] 5. For each license, tag, stamp, [or] permit or other document he sells, a license agent is entitled to receive a service fee of:
- (a) One dollar for each license, tag [or permit,], permit or other document, in addition to the fee for the license, tag [or permit,], permit or other document; and
 - (b) Ten cents for each stamp.



- [5.] 6. Any person authorized to enforce this chapter may inspect, during the license agent's normal business hours, any record or document of the agent relating to the issuance of any such license, *stamp*, tag [or permit.], *permit or other document*.
- [6.] 7. All money collected by a license agent, except service fees collected pursuant to subsection [4,] 5, is public money of the State of Nevada, and the State has a prior claim for the amount of money due it upon all assets of the agent over all creditors, assignees or other claimants. The use of this money for private or business transactions is a misuse of public [funds] money and punishable under the laws provided.
 - **Sec. 13.** (Deleted by amendment.)
 - Sec. 14. NRS 502.077 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 502.077 1. The Division shall issue special fishing permits to the administrative head of:
 - (a) Northern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services;
- 17 (b) Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services;
- 18 (c) The Northern Nevada Children's Home;
- 19 (d) The Southern Nevada Children's Home;
- 20 (e) The Nevada Youth Training Center;
- 21 (f) The Caliente Youth Center;

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- (g) The Spring Mountain Youth Camp;
- 23 (h) The China Spring Youth Camp;
 - (i) Any facility each public and private nonprofit:
 - (a) Mental health facility or hospital that provides mental health services;
 - (b) Facility for the detention or correctional care of juveniles;
 - (c) Rehabilitation center within a hospital;
 - (d) Facility or establishment that provides care for older persons;
 - (e) Facility which provides temporary foster care for children who are not delinquent; and
 - [(j) Such other public or charitable institutions or organizations as are designated by regulations adopted by the Commission, for use only by the members, patients or children of such institutions or organizations.]
 - (f) Club or other social group operated for the benefit of disadvantaged or at-risk children.
 - 2. The permits:
 - (a) Must be in the possession of the officer or employee *of the organization* who is supervising a member, patient or child while he is fishing.
- 43 (b) Authorize a member, patient or child to fish in a legal 44 manner if in the company of an officer or employee of one of the 45 [institutions] organizations listed in this section [, or of an



organization provided for by regulation,] if the officer or employee has a valid Nevada fishing license.

- (c) Must be issued pursuant and subject to regulations prescribed by the Commission.
- (d) Must contain the words "Nevada Special Fishing Permit" and the number of the permit printed on the face of the permit.
- (e) May authorize no more than 15 members, patients or children, respectively, to fish.
- 3. Each [institution or] organization shall pay to the Division an annual fee of [\$15] \$25 for each permit issued to the [institution or] organization pursuant to this section. The Division shall not issue more than two permits per year to each [institution or] organization.
- 4. It is unlawful for any person other than a member, patient or child in one of these organizations [or institutions] to fish with a permit issued by the Division pursuant to this section.
 - **Sec. 15.** NRS 502.130 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 502.130 1. In addition to the regular hunting licenses and trapping licenses provided for in this chapter, additional licenses, to be known as tags, are required to hunt any deer, elk, antelope, mountain sheep or bear.
- 2. Whenever it is determined by the Commission that it is necessary for correct management:
- (a) Tags also may be required to hunt, trap or fish for any other species of wildlife. The [tags may be used in any area in the State during the regular season and may not be limited in number or to any area, unless a special season has been designated in a management area, in which case the] Commission may limit the number of tags to be used in [that] a management area.
- (b) Permits and seals may be required to hunt, trap, fish or to possess any species of wildlife.
- 3. The Commission shall set the fee for all permits and seals issued pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 2.
 - **Sec. 16.** 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.
- 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:
- (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



1 authorized by this section and any recommendations for correcting 2 those problems.

Sec. 17. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 18. NRS 502.175 is hereby amended to read as follows:

502.175 1. The Division shall contract with a private entity to conduct a drawing and to award and issue the tags [for a special season.] or permits as established by the Commission. The drawing must be conducted using a computer program that awards tags or permits based on a random order of selection. The contract must provide for the acquisition by the Division of the ownership of the computer program at the end of the term of the contract. The Division shall solicit bids for the contract pursuant to the provisions of chapter 333 of NRS.

2. The Division shall:

- (a) Provide to the private entity to whom a contract is awarded pursuant to the provisions of subsection 1 any applications for tags, *permits*, documents or other information required by the private entity to conduct the drawing; and
- (b) Otherwise cooperate with the private entity in conducting the drawing.
- 3. As soon as practicable after the drawing is completed, the private entity shall submit the results of the drawing to the Division.
- 4. If no private entity qualifies for the awarding of the contract specified in subsection 1, the Division shall conduct a drawing to award tags [for a special season] or permits in the manner set forth in the regulations adopted by the Commission pursuant to the provisions of subsection 5.
- 5. The Commission shall adopt regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this section, including regulations that prescribe the manner in which the Division [must] shall conduct a drawing specified in subsection 1 if no private entity qualifies for the awarding of the contract.
- **Sec. 19.** NRS 502.190 is hereby amended to read as follows: 502.190 1. Tags for hunting wildlife [in regular season by nonresident hunters] may be limited to a certain number in any

management area, which management area may include all of any county, any portion of any county [,] or any continuous area in adjacent counties

adjacent counties.Whenever

2. Whenever a limit is placed upon the number of tags available to [nonresident] hunters in any management area, the Commission shall determine the manner in which the tags are issued, whether by lot or by sale to first applicants, the manner of application, the manner of delivering the tags and other necessary matters.



3. Whenever applications, money or tags and licenses are entrusted to the mails, the Commission is not responsible for loss or delay in the mails.

- **Sec. 20.** NRS 502.200 is hereby amended to read as follows: 502.200 [It] Except as otherwise authorized pursuant to regulations adopted by the Commission, it is unlawful for any Inonresident! hunter:
- 1. To obtain tags *or permits* for more than one management area. [in regular season.]
- 2. To use tags in any management area or at any time other than at the time and place intended.
 - **Sec. 21.** NRS 502.210 is hereby amended to read as follows: 502.210 A duplicate tag may not be issued except as follows:
- 1. Upon receiving an affidavit of an applicant that a tag previously issued has been lost, *stolen* or destroyed and upon payment of a fee of [\$5,] \$10, the Division shall issue a duplicate tag to the applicant.
- 2. Upon receiving an affidavit of an applicant that he has not received the tag for which he applied and paid the required fee, the Division may [, not earlier than 7 days after the date on which the tag was mailed,] issue a duplicate tag to the applicant upon payment of a fee of [\$5.] \$10.
- **3.** The provisions of this section do not affect the issuance of a replacement tag pursuant to NRS 502.215.
- **Sec. 22.** NRS 502.240 is hereby amended to read as follows: 502.240 The Division shall issue annual licenses and limited permits:
- 1. To any person who has not attained his 16th birthday and who has been a bona fide resident of the State of Nevada for 6 months immediately preceding his application for a license, upon payment of \$\frac{15}{2}\$ a fee of \$10\$ for an annual trapping license.
- 2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 502.245 and 504.390, to any person who has attained his 16th birthday and who has been a bona fide resident of the State of Nevada for 6 months immediately preceding his application for a license, upon the payment of a fee of:

For each consecutive day added to a 1-day permit



1	For an annual master guide's license			
2	For an annual subguide's license			
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4	3. To any person who has attained his 12th birthday but who			
5	has not attained his 16th birthday, and who is not a bona fide			
6	resident of the State of Nevada, upon the payment of [\$8] a fee of			
7	\$17 for an annual fishing license . [, except for a fishing license to			
8	fish in the reciprocal waters of the Colorado River, Lake Mead and			
9	Lake Mohave, which annual license must cost a sum agreed upon by			
10	the Commission and the Arizona Game and Fish Commission, but			
11	not to exceed \$30.1			
12	4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, to any person			
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22	For an annual fishing license			
23	For a 1-day permit to fish			
24	For each consecutive day added to a 1-day permit			
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27	For a combined hunting and fishing license			
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3	For a 1-year falconry license [30] 38			
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5	For an importation permit			
6	For an import eligibility permit			
7	For an exportation permit			
8	For any other special permit issued by the Division, a fee not			
9	to exceed [\$100] the highest fee established for any other			
10	special permit set by the Commission.			
11	Sec. 23. NRS 502.245 is hereby amended to read as follows:			
12	502.245 1. The Division shall issue any hunting or fishing			
13	license or combined hunting and fishing license authorized under			
14	the provisions of this chapter, upon proof satisfactory of the			
15	requisite facts and payment of the applicable fee, to any person who			
16	has resided in this state:			
17	(a) For the 6-month period immediately preceding the date of			
18	his application for a license and:			
19	(1) Has a severe physical disability; or			
20	(2) Has attained his 12th birthday but has not attained his			
21	16th birthday; or			
22	(b) Continuously for 5 years immediately preceding the date of			
23	this application for a license and is 65 years of age or older.			
24	2. The Division shall charge and collect [for such a:			
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Resident mountain lion tag	25
Nonresident deer tag	240
Nonresident antelope tag	
Nonresident elk tag	
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- 2. [Other] The amount of the fee for other resident or nonresident big game tags [for special seasons must not exceed \$50. Other nonresident big game tags for special seasons] must not exceed [\$1,000.
- 3. Tags] the highest fee for a resident or nonresident big game tag established pursuant to this section.
- 3. The amount of the fee for a tag determined to be necessary by the Commission for other species pursuant to NRS 502.130 must not exceed [\$100.] the highest fee for a resident or nonresident tag established pursuant to this section.
- 4. A fee not to exceed \$10 may be charged for processing an application for a [tag] game species or permit other than an application for an elk. [tag.] A fee of not less than \$5 but not more than \$15 must be charged for processing an application for an elk, [tag.] \$5 of which must be deposited with the State Treasurer for credit to the Wildlife Obligated Reserve Account in the State General Fund and used for the prevention and mitigation of damage caused by elk or game mammals not native to this state.
- 5. The Commission may accept sealed bids for or *may* auction not more than 15 big game tags and not more than 5 wild turkey tags each year. To reimburse the Division for the cost of managing wildlife and administering and conducting the bid or auction, not more than 18 percent of the total amount of money received from the bid or auction may be deposited with the State Treasurer for credit to the Wildlife Account in the State General Fund. Any amount of money received from the bid or auction that is not so deposited must be deposited with the State Treasurer for credit to the Wildlife Heritage Trust Account in the State General Fund in accordance with the provisions of NRS 501.3575.
- 6. The Commission may by regulation establish an additional drawing for big game tags, which may be entitled the Partnership in Wildlife Drawing. To reimburse the Division for the cost of managing wildlife and administering and conducting the drawing, not more than 18 percent of the total amount of money received from the drawing may be deposited with the State Treasurer for



credit to the Wildlife Account in the State General Fund. Except as otherwise provided by regulations adopted by the Commission pursuant to subsection 7, the money received by the Division from applicants in the drawing who are not awarded big game tags must be deposited with the State Treasurer for credit to the Wildlife Heritage Trust Account in accordance with the provisions of NRS 501.3575.

7. The Commission may adopt regulations which authorize the return of all or a portion of any fee collected from a person pursuant to the provisions of this section.

Sec. 25. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 26. NRS 502.280 is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 502.280 1. All resident [Indians] *Native Americans* of the State of Nevada are exempt from the payment of fees for fishing and hunting licenses.
- 2. When applying for *a* free fishing [and hunting licenses, resident Indians] or hunting license, a resident Native American of the State of Nevada shall exhibit [to the county clerk or license agent written identification signed by an officer of the Bureau of Indian Affairs of the United States Department of the Interior, or] a document issued in this state by the chairman of a tribal council or chief of [an Indian] a Native American tribe, or an officer of a reservation, colony or educational institution, stating that the bearer is a resident [Indian] Native American of the State of Nevada.
- 3. Before hunting for deer or big game off an Indian reservation in this state, all [resident Indians,] Native Americans, otherwise exempt under subsection 1, [shall] must secure resident deer tags or other resident big game tags and pay the fee provided therefor in NRS 502.250.

Sec. 27. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 28. NRS 502.300 is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 502.300 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, it is unlawful for any person to hunt any migratory game bird, except jacksnipe, coot, gallinule, western mourning dove, white-winged dove and band-tailed pigeon [,] unless at the time he is hunting he carries on his person:
- (a) An unexpired state duck stamp validated by his signature in ink across the face of the stamp; or
- (b) Such documentation as the Division provides [via the Internet] as proof that he has paid to the Division, for the licensing period that includes the time he is hunting, the same fee as that required pursuant to subsection 3 for the purchase of an unexpired state duck stamp for that period.
 - 2. The provisions of subsection 1 do not apply to a person who:
 - (a) Is under the age of 12 years; or



(b) Is 65 years of age or older.

3. Unexpired duck stamps must be sold for a fee of not more than [\$5] \$10 each by the Division and by persons authorized by the Division to sell hunting licenses. The Commission shall establish the price to be charged by the Division or agents of the Division for expired duck stamps. [, and the fee for unexpired duck stamps within the limit provided.]

4. The Division shall determine the form of the stamps.

Sec. 28.5. NRS 502.310 is hereby amended to read as follows: 502.310 All money received pursuant to NRS 502.300 must be deposited with the State Treasurer for credit to the Wildlife Obligated Reserve Account in the State General Fund. The Division shall maintain separate accounting records for the receipt and expenditure of that money. An amount not to exceed 10 percent of that money may be used to reimburse the Division for the cost of administering the state duck stamp programs. This amount is in addition to compensation allowed persons authorized to issue and sell licenses.

Sec. 29. NRS 502.326 is hereby amended to read as follows:

502.326 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, it is unlawful for any person to take or possess trout unless at the time he is fishing he carries on his person:

- (a) An unexpired state trout stamp affixed to his fishing license and validated by his signature in ink across the face of the stamp; or
- (b) Such documentation as the Division provides [via the Internet] as proof that he has paid to the Division, for the licensing period that includes the time he is fishing, the same fee as that required pursuant to subsection 3 for the purchase of a state trout stamp for that period.
 - 2. The provisions of subsection 1 do not apply to a person who:
 - (a) Is under the age of 12; or
 - (b) Is fishing:
- (1) Under the authority of a valid 1-day permit to fish or during a consecutive day validly added to that permit; or
- (2) In accordance with regulations adopted by the Commission pursuant to subparagraph (2) of paragraph (e) of subsection 1 of NRS 502.010.
- 3. State trout stamps must be sold for a fee of \$10 each by the Division and by persons authorized by the Division to sell hunting, fishing and trapping licenses.
 - 4. The Division shall determine the form of the stamps.
 - **Sec. 30.** NRS 502.350 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 502.350 1. The Commission may authorize an instructor to collect a fee of not more than [\$5] \$10 from each person obtaining instruction in the responsibilities of hunters.



2. The Commission may authorize the imposition of an administrative fee of not more than [\$5] \$10 for the issuance of a duplicate certificate of successful completion of the course.

- **Sec. 31.** NRS 502.370 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 502.370 1. A license to practice taxidermy is required before any person may perform taxidermal services for others on any wildlife or their parts, nests or eggs.
- 2. Annual licenses [for the term of 1 year from July 1 to June 30] must be issued by the Division [for the following fees:] to applicants who satisfy the requirements established by the Division and pay a fee of:

- 3. Any person who wishes to obtain a license to practice taxidermy must apply for the license on an application form provided by the Division. The applicant must provide such information on the form as the Commission may require by regulation.
- 4. The Commission may adopt regulations governing the licensing of taxidermists and the practice of taxidermy, including:
- (a) The receipt, possession, transportation, identification, purchase and sale of wildlife or parts thereof to be or which have been processed by a taxidermist;
 - (b) The maintenance and submission of written records; and
- (c) Any other matter concerning the practice, conduct and operating procedures of taxidermists as the Commission may deem necessary.
- 5. A person who is authorized to enforce the provisions of this title may enter the facilities of a licensee at any reasonable hour and inspect his operations and records.
- 6. If a licensee is convicted of a violation of any provision of this title or the regulations adopted by the Commission, the Commission may revoke his license and may refuse to issue another license to him for a period not to exceed 5 years.
- 7. The provisions of this section do not apply to institutions of learning of this state or of the United States, or to research activities conducted exclusively for scientific purposes, or for the advancement of agriculture, biology or any of the sciences.
 - **Sec. 32.** NRS 502.390 is hereby amended to read as follows: 502.390 1. Any:
- (a) Person who develops or maintains an artificial or man-made body of water, other than a body of water maintained for agricultural or recreational purposes, containing chemicals or



substances in quantities which, with the normal use of the body of water, causes or will cause the death of any wildlife; or

- (b) Operator of a mining operation which develops or maintains an artificial body of water containing chemicals directly associated with the processing of ore,
- must first obtain a permit from the Division authorizing the development or maintenance of the body of water.
- 2. Within 30 working days after receiving an application for a permit, the Division shall issue the permit or deny the application and list the reasons for denial. An applicant may appeal the denial of a permit to the Commission. A permit may be valid for up to 5 years. The [Commission may establish] applicant must pay a fee for a permit of not more than [\$100] \$125 per year [.], except that the fee for a permit issued for a period of less than 6 months is \$68.
- 3. Upon the transfer of ownership of any artificial or man-made body of water as to which a permit issued pursuant to this section is in force at the time of the transfer, the permit remains in effect for 30 days after the transfer of ownership.
- 4. A person holding a permit issued pursuant to this section shall, in addition to the fee for the permit, pay to the Division an assessment. The amount of the assessment must be determined pursuant to regulations adopted by the Commission. The assessment must be no more than \$10,000 per year for each permit.
- 5. Any person who fails to obtain a permit or pay an assessment as required by this section and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto or who fails to comply with the provisions of a permit is guilty of a misdemeanor for the first offense and a gross misdemeanor for any subsequent offense.
 - 6. As used in this section:

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- (a) "Mining operation" means any activity conducted in this state by a person on or beneath the surface of land for the purpose of, or in connection with, the development or extraction of any mineral.
- (b) "Operator" means any person who owns, controls or manages a mining operation.
 - **Sec. 33.** NRS 503.290 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 503.290 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, it is unlawful for any person to fish in or from any of the waters of the State of Nevada for any fish of any species in any manner other than with hook and line attached to a rod or reel closely attended in the manner known as angling. Only one combination of hook, line and rod must be used by one person at any time, except that a second combination of hook, line and rod may be used by a person if the person:



(a) Purchases from the Division or a license agent of the Division a stamp, [or] permit or such documentation as may be provided by the Division for a second rod;

- (b) Uses the rod in the manner prescribed in this section; and
- (c) Has in his possession a valid fishing license, combined hunting and fishing license or permit to fish issued to him by the Division [.], or such documentation as the Division provides as proof that he has paid to the Division, for the licensing period that includes the time he is fishing, the fee required pursuant to this section.

The fee for the stamp, [or] permit or documentation is \$10, and the stamp, permit or documentation is valid only for the period for which it is issued.

- 2. The Commission may by regulation authorize other methods for taking fish. Frogs may be taken by spear, bow and arrow, hook and line or by other methods authorized by the Commission's regulation.
- 3. For the purposes of this section, "hook" includes not more than three baited hooks, not more than three fly hooks or not more than two plugs or similar lures. No more than two such plugs or lures, irrespective of the number of hooks or attractor blades attached thereto, may be attached to the line.

Sec. 34. NRS 503.425 is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 503.425 1. Before a person may use any vacuum or suction dredge equipment in any river, stream or lake of this state, he must submit an application to the Division. The application must be accompanied by a fee of [\$5] \$15 and must specify the type and size of equipment to be used and its location. If the Division determines that the operations will not be deleterious to fish, it shall issue a permit to the applicant.
- 2. A permit issued pursuant to subsection 1 does not authorize the recipient to use any equipment in any navigable body of water unless the recipient has obtained the appropriate permit for such a use from the State Land Registrar.
 - 3. It is unlawful for any person to:
- (a) Conduct dredging operations without securing a permit pursuant to subsection 1;
- (b) Operate any equipment other than that specified in the permit; or
- (c) Conduct a dredging operation outside the area designated on the permit.
 - **Sec. 35.** NRS 503.452 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 503.452 Each trap, snare or similar device used in the taking of wild mammals may bear a number registered with the Division or be permanently marked with the name and address of the owner or



trapper using it. If a trap is registered, the registration is permanent. A registration fee of \$\frac{\\$5\}{\\$10}\$ for each registrant is payable only once, at the time the first trap, snare or similar device is registered.

Sec. 36. NRS 503.650 is hereby amended to read as follows: 503.650 Nothing in this title:

- 1. Prohibits any person, upon the written permit of the Division, from taking, killing, possessing or banding any species of wildlife, or collecting the nest or eggs thereof, for strictly scientific or educational purposes, the number and species of wildlife to be limited by the Division.
- 2. Prevents shipping into any other county or state, under a written permit issued by the Division, any wildlife for scientific or educational purposes.

The *amount of the* fee for a permit to collect wildlife for scientific or educational purposes is [\$5.] \$50.

Sec. 37. NRS 504.320 is hereby amended to read as follows:

504.320 [1. Before any shooting may be done on such commercial or private shooting preserve, the licensee must advise the Division, in writing, of the number of each species of upland game bird reared, purchased or acquired for liberation, and request, and receive in writing, a shooting authorization which states the number of each species which may be taken by shooting.

- 2. Birds must be at least 8 weeks of age, full winged, and in a condition to go wild before liberation. Before release, all birds must be banded with legbands, the specifications of which must be determined by commission regulation. Legbands must remain with the birds and not be removed until the birds are utilized by the hunter.
- 3. The licensee, or with his written permit the holder thereof, may take such upland game bird from such licensed preserve by shooting only, from August 1 to April 30, inclusive.
- 4. Permits to hunt on such licensed preserve may be used only on the date of issuance, and the hunter must carry the permit on his person at all times while on the area and while in possession of birds taken on such area.] The Commission may establish rules and regulations governing the species of upland game birds that may be taken on a commercial or private shooting preserve.
 - **Sec. 38.** NRS 504.390 is hereby amended to read as follows:

504.390 1. As used in this section, unless the context requires otherwise, "guide" means to assist another person in hunting wild mammals or wild birds and fishing and includes the transporting of another person or his equipment to hunting and fishing locations within a general hunting and fishing area whether or not the guide determines the destination or course of travel.



2. Every person who provides guide service for compensation or provides guide service as an incidental service to customers of any commercial enterprise, whether a direct fee is charged for the guide service or not, [shall] *must* obtain a master guide license from the Division. Such a license must not be issued to any person who has not reached 21 years of age.

- 3. Each person who assists a person who is required to have a master guide license and acts as a guide in the course of that activity [shall] *must* obtain a subguide license from the Division. Such a license must not be issued to any person who has not reached 18 years of age.
- 4. Fees for master guide and subguide licenses must be as provided in NRS 502.240.
- 5. Any person who desires a master guide license must apply for the license on a form prescribed and furnished by the Division. The application must contain the social security number of the applicant and such other information as the Commission may require by regulation. If that person was not licensed as a master guide during the previous licensing year, his application must be accompanied by a [fee of \$500, which is not refundable.] nonrefundable fee of \$1,500.
- 6. Any person who desires a subguide license must apply for the license on a form prescribed and furnished by the Division. If that person was not licensed as a subguide during the previous licensing year, his application must be accompanied by a nonrefundable fee of \$50.
- 7. If the holder of a master guide license operates with pack or riding animals, he shall also have a grazing or special use permit if he operates in any area where such a permit is required.
- 8. The holder of a master guide license shall maintain records of the number of hunters and fishermen served, and any other information which the Division may require concerning fish and game taken by such persons. Such information must be furnished to the Division on request.
- 9. If any licensee under this section, or person served by a licensee, is convicted of a violation of any provision of this title or chapter 488 of NRS, the Commission may revoke the license of the licensee and may refuse issuance of another license to the licensee for a period not to exceed 5 years.
- 10. The Commission may adopt regulations covering the conduct and operation of a guide service.
- 11. The Division may issue master guide and subguide licenses to be valid only in certain districts in such a manner as may be determined by the regulations of the Commission.
 - **Sec. 39.** (Deleted by amendment.)



Sec. 40. NRS 488.075 is hereby amended to read as follows: 488.075 1. The owner of each motorboat requiring numbering by this state shall file an application for a number and for a certificate of ownership with the Division of Wildlife of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources on forms approved by it accompanied by:

(a) Proof of payment of Nevada sales or use tax as evidenced by proof of sale by a Nevada dealer or by a certificate of use tax paid issued by the Department of Taxation, or by proof of exemption from those taxes as provided in NRS 372.320.

(b) Such evidence of ownership as the Division of Wildlife may require.

The Division of Wildlife shall not issue a number, a certificate of number or a certificate of ownership until this evidence is presented to it.

2. The application must be signed by the owner of the motorboat and must be accompanied by a fee of [\$15] \$20 for the certificate of ownership and a fee according to the following schedule as determined by the straight line length which is measured from the tip of the bow to the back of the transom of the motorboat:

 Less than 13 feet
 [\$10] \$20

 13 feet or more but less than 18 feet
 [15] 25

 18 feet or more but less than 22 feet
 [30] 40

 22 feet or more but less than 26 feet
 [45] 55

 26 feet or more but less than 31 feet
 [60] 75

 31 feet or more
 [75] 100

Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, all fees received by the Division of Wildlife under the provisions of this chapter must be deposited in the Wildlife Account in the State General Fund and may be expended only for the administration and enforcement of the provisions of this chapter. On or before December 31 of each year, the Division of Wildlife shall deposit with the respective county school districts 50 percent of each fee collected according to the motorboat's length for every motorboat registered from their respective counties. Upon receipt of the application in approved form, the Division of Wildlife shall enter the application upon the records of its office and issue to the applicant a certificate of number stating the number awarded to the motorboat, a certificate of ownership stating the same information and the name and address of the registered owner and the legal owner.

3. A certificate of number may be renewed each year by the purchase of a validation decal. The fee for a validation decal is determined by the straight line length of the motorboat and is



equivalent to the fee set forth in the schedule provided in subsection 2. The *amount of the* fee for issuing a duplicate validation decal is [\$10.] \$20.

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- 4. The owner shall paint on or attach to each side of the bow of the motorboat the identification number in such manner as may be prescribed by regulations of the Commission in order that the number may be clearly visible. The number must be maintained in legible condition.
- 5. The certificate of number must be [pocket size and must be] available at all times for inspection on the motorboat for which issued, whenever the motorboat is in operation.
- 6. The Commission shall provide by regulation for the issuance of numbers to manufacturers and dealers which may be used interchangeably upon motorboats operated by the manufacturers and dealers in connection with the demonstration, sale or exchange of those motorboats. The *amount of the* fee for each such *a* number is [\$15.] \$20.

Sec. 41. NRS 488.115 is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 488.115 1. The Division of Wildlife of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources may award any certificate of number directly or may authorize any person to act as agent for the awarding thereof. If a person accepts the authorization, he may be assigned a block of numbers and certificates therefor which upon award, in conformity with the provisions of this chapter and with any regulations of the Commission, is valid as if awarded directly by the Division of Wildlife. At the time an agent forwards the money collected to the Division of Wildlife , he may retain [50 cents] \$1 per certificate of number.
- 2. All records of the Division of Wildlife made or kept pursuant to this section are public records.

Sec. 42. NRS 488.1795 is hereby amended to read as follows: 488.1795 Upon receipt of a properly endorsed certificate of ownership and the certificate of number of any motorboat, the transferee shall within 10 days file the certificates accompanied by a fee of [\$5] \$20 with the Division of Wildlife of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and thereby make application for a new certificate of ownership and a new certificate of number.

Sec. 43. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 44. NRS 501.080, 501.085 and 502.230 are hereby repealed.

Sec. 45. 1. This section becomes effective on July 1, 2003.

2. Sections 1, 2 and 3 of this act become effective on July 1, 2003, for the purpose of adopting regulations and on January 1, 2004, for all other purposes.



- 3. Sections 12 and 37 of this act become effective on July 1, 2003, for the purpose of adopting regulations and on March 1, 2004, for all other purposes.
- 4. Sections 4, 5, 15 to 20, inclusive, and 39 to 44, inclusive, of this act become effective on January 1, 2004.
- 5. Sections 4.5, 6 to 11, inclusive, 13, 14, 21 to 36, inclusive, and 38 of this act become effective on March 1, 2004.
- 6. Section 38 of this act expires by limitation on the date on which the provisions of 42 U.S.C. § 666 requiring each state to establish procedures under which the state has authority to withhold or suspend, or to restrict the use of professional, occupational and recreational licenses of persons who:
- 13 (a) Have failed to comply with a subpoena or warrant relating to 14 a procedure to determine the paternity of a child or to establish or 15 enforce an obligation for the support of a child; or
- 16 (b) Are in arrears in the payment for the support of one or more children.
- are repealed by the Congress of the United States.

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TEXT OF REPEALED SECTIONS

501.080 "Regular season" defined. As used in this title, "regular season" means an open season for which tags are placed on general sale without limit as to the number of resident hunters who may participate, and which shall be statewide in extent, except for variation in date between districts or the reservation of any area for special management as a special season. The number of nonresident tags may be limited by district in a regular season.

501.085 "Special season" defined. As used in this title, "special season" means an open season for which tags are placed on restricted sale to residents and nonresidents, whereby only a certain number may be issued, as determined by lot or otherwise. Special seasons are those designed for special management or control not possible in regular seasons.

502.230 Issuance of deer tag to nonresident owner of land within State: Conditions.

1. A nonresident deer tag for regular season may be issued to any nonresident of this state or to the immediate members of such nonresident's family, as a bona fide owner of land within this state, for the privilege to hunt upon that land to which he has title, if not less than 75 percent of all land belonging to him in the State of



Nevada and upon which he proposes to hunt is open to the public for hunting.

- 2. Such nonresident may hunt deer during the same periods and subject to the same limitations as may be allowed or imposed upon residents of Nevada in connection with such hunting if such nonresident has first obtained a nonresident hunting license.
- 3. A nonresident deer tag for the regular season may be issued by the Division only upon proof of the applicant's title to certain lands within this state. The Commission shall adopt and promulgate regulations establishing requirements for obtaining tags, including a determination that the land proposed for hunting is deer habitat.
- 4. Such nonresident deer tag for the regular season may be issued only upon payment of the regular nonresident fee and is valid for use only on the land owned and described, and such nonresident deer tag for the regular season must indicate "nonresident landowner."



