

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 15—COMMITTEE ON
NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND MINING

(ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS)

PREFILED FEBRUARY 1, 2005

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources,
Agriculture, and Mining

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing expenditure of money
in Wildlife Heritage Trust Account. (BDR 45-177)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in **bolded italics** is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to wildlife; expanding the purposes for which the money in the Wildlife Heritage Trust Account must be used to include expenditures for the management and control of predatory wildlife in this State; authorizing the expenditure of certain annual deposits in the Account; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law creates the Wildlife Heritage Trust Account in the State General Fund for use by the Department of Wildlife for the management of game fish, game birds and game and fur-bearing mammals. (NRS 501.3575) Existing law provides that the Account is funded by proceeds from wildlife drawings and through monetary gifts made to the Account. (NRS 502.250) Existing law limits the Department's annual expenditure from the Account to the total interest earned on the money in the Account during the previous year. (NRS 501.3575)

This bill amends existing law by expanding the purposes for which the money in the Account must be used to include expenditures for the management and control of predatory wildlife in this State.

This bill further amends existing law by expanding the authorized expenditures from the Account. This bill allows the Department to expend an amount of money not greater than 75 percent of the money deposited in the Account during the previous year and the total interest earned on the Account during the previous year.



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

Section 1. NRS 501.3575 is hereby amended to read as follows:

501.3575 1. The Wildlife Heritage Trust Account is hereby created in the State General Fund. The money in the Account must be used by the Department as provided in this section for ~~the~~:

(a) *The* protection, propagation, restoration, transplantation, introduction and management of any game fish, game mammal, game bird or fur-bearing mammal in this State ~~H~~; and

(b) *The management and control of predatory wildlife in this State.*

2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 502.250, money received by the Department from:

(a) A bid, auction or partnership in wildlife drawing conducted pursuant to NRS 502.250; and

(b) A gift of money made by any person to the Wildlife Heritage Trust Account,

➔ must be deposited with the State Treasurer for credit to the Account.

3. The interest and income earned on the money in the Wildlife Heritage Trust Account, after deducting any applicable charges, must be credited to the Account.

4. The Department may annually expend from the Wildlife Heritage Trust Account an amount of money not greater than *75 percent of the money deposited in the Account pursuant to subsection 2 during the previous year and the total amount of* interest earned on the money in the Account during the previous year. The Commission shall review and approve expenditures from the Account. No money may be expended from the Account without the prior approval of the Commission.

5. The Commission shall administer the provisions of this section and may adopt any regulations necessary for that purpose.

