

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 111—ASSEMBLYMAN CLABORN

FEBRUARY 15, 2007

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources,
Agriculture, and Mining

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing the use of tags to hunt bighorn sheep or antlered bull elk. (BDR 45-119)

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; providing for the ineligibility of a person to apply for a tag to hunt bighorn sheep or antlered bull elk under certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law states that, in addition to a hunting license, a person must obtain a tag to hunt deer, elk, antelope, mountain sheep or bear in Nevada. A tag may also be required to hunt any other species of wildlife if the Board of Wildlife Commissioners determines that it is necessary for correct management of that species of wildlife. (NRS 502.130) Existing law further requires the Board to establish a program for the issuance of a special incentive elk tag to a person who owns, leases or manages private land that blocks reasonable access to adjacent public land and who allows other persons with elk tags to pass through the private land to hunt elk on the adjacent public land. (NRS 502.142)

Section 1 of this bill provides that a person who obtains a tag to hunt a subspecies of bighorn sheep and who is successful in harvesting that subspecies of bighorn sheep is not eligible to apply for another tag to hunt that subspecies of bighorn sheep in Nevada during the lifetime of the person. **Section 1** defines "subspecies of bighorn sheep" to mean a California bighorn sheep, Nelson bighorn sheep or Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep. **Section 1** also imposes a similar restriction upon a person who obtains a tag to hunt an antlered bull elk and who is successful in harvesting an antlered bull elk in accordance with the tag. **Section 1** states that the restriction on eligibility does not apply to a person who is issued a special incentive elk tag.



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

Section 1. NRS 502.140 is hereby amended to read as follows:
502.140 1. Tags may be used as a method of enforcing a limit of the number of any species which may be taken by any one person in any one season or year, and may be issued in such a manner that only a certain number may be used in any one management area, or that one tag may be used in several management areas, as designated by the Commission.

2. ~~¶The~~ *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, the* Commission shall designate the number of tags for any species which may be obtained by any one person, and it is unlawful for any person to obtain tags for his use in excess of ~~this~~ *that* number. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 502.145, it is unlawful for any person to use or possess tags issued to any other person, or to transfer or give tags issued to him to any other person.

3. *A person who obtains a tag to hunt:*

(a) *A subspecies of bighorn sheep or a duplicate or replacement tag to hunt a subspecies of bighorn sheep and who is successful in harvesting a bighorn sheep of that subspecies in accordance with the tag is not eligible to apply for another tag to hunt a bighorn sheep of that subspecies during the lifetime of the person.*

(b) *An antlered bull elk or a duplicate or replacement tag to hunt an antlered bull elk and who is successful in harvesting an antlered bull elk in accordance with the tag is not eligible to apply for another tag to hunt an antlered bull elk during the lifetime of the person. This paragraph does not apply to a person who is issued a special incentive elk tag pursuant to NRS 502.142.*

4. *As used in this section:*

(a) *“Antlered bull elk” means a male elk with at least one branched antler.*

(b) *“Subspecies of bighorn sheep” means a California bighorn sheep, Nelson bighorn sheep or Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep.*

Sec. 2. NRS 502.160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

502.160 1. The Department shall designate the form of the tag, requiring such numbering or other manner of identification as is necessary to designate the name or hunting license number of the person to whom it is issued. Each tag must show the game for which it may be used, the year and, whenever necessary, the management area in which it may be used.

2. ~~¶The~~ *Except as otherwise provided in NRS 502.140, the* Commission may adopt any regulations necessary relative to the manner of qualifying and applying for, using, completing, attaching,



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- 1 filling out, punching, inspecting, validating or reporting such tags. It
- 2 is unlawful for any person to fail to abide by any such regulation.

