

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 183—ASSEMBLYMEN GOICOECHEA, CARPENTER, GRADY, SMITH; AIZLEY, BOBZIEN, GOEDHART, GUSTAVSON, HAMBRICK, HOGAN, MUNFORD, OHRENSCHALL, SEGERBLOM AND SETTELMAYER (BY REQUEST)

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Referred to Committee on Natural Resources,
Agriculture, and Mining

SUMMARY—Authorizes the Board of Wildlife Commissioners to establish an additional kind of drawing for the existing allotment of big game tags and wild turkey tags. (BDR 45-76)

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

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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; authorizing the Board of Wildlife Commissioners to establish an additional kind of drawing for the existing allotment of big game tags and wild turkey tags; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 Existing law authorizes the Board of Wildlife Commissioners to accept sealed
2 bids for or auction not more than 15 big game tags and not more than 5 wild turkey
3 tags each year. (NRS 502.250) **Section 2** of this bill authorizes the Commission to
4 award all or a portion of those tags through a Silver State Tag Drawing. **Section 2**
5 provides that the amount of the fee for processing an application for a Silver State
6 Tag must not be less than \$15 or more than \$50, as determined by regulations
7 adopted by the Commission. **Section 2** also provides that any money received from
8 the application fee for the drawing, except for a certain amount of money for the
9 costs of administering the drawing and the return of fees, must be deposited into the
10 Wildlife Heritage Trust Account.



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:

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

Sec. 2. NRS 502.250 is hereby amended to read as follows:

502.250 1. The amount of the fee that must be charged for the following tags is:

Resident deer tag.....	\$30
Resident antelope tag	60
Resident elk tag	120
Resident bighorn sheep tag	120
Resident mountain goat tag	120
Resident mountain lion tag.....	25
Nonresident deer tag	240



1	Nonresident antelope tag.....	\$300
2	Nonresident antlered elk tag.....	1,200
3	Nonresident antlerless elk tag	500
4	Nonresident bighorn sheep tag.....	1,200
5	Nonresident mountain goat tag	1,200
6	Nonresident mountain lion tag.....	100

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8 2. The amount of the fee for other resident or nonresident big
9 game tags must not exceed the highest fee for a resident or
10 nonresident big game tag established pursuant to this section.

11 3. The amount of the fee for a tag determined to be necessary
12 by the Commission for other species pursuant to NRS 502.130 must
13 not exceed the highest fee for a resident or nonresident tag
14 established pursuant to this section.

15 4. A fee not to exceed \$10 may be charged for processing an
16 application for a game species or permit other than an application
17 for an elk. A fee of not less than \$5 but not more than \$15 must be
18 charged for processing an application for an elk, \$5 of which must
19 be deposited with the State Treasurer for credit to the Wildlife
20 Obligated Reserve Account in the State General Fund and used for
21 the prevention and mitigation of damage caused by elk or game
22 mammals not native to this State. *A fee of not less than \$15 and not*
23 *more than \$50 must be charged for processing an application for*
24 *a Silver State Tag.*

25 5. The Commission may accept sealed bids for , or ~~may~~
26 *award through an auction or a Silver State Tag Drawing, or any*
27 *combination thereof*, not more than 15 big game tags and not more
28 than 5 wild turkey tags each year. To reimburse the Department for
29 the cost of managing wildlife and administering and conducting the
30 bid , ~~for~~ auction ~~or~~ *or Silver State Tag Drawing*, not more than 18
31 percent of the total amount of money received from the bid , ~~for~~
32 auction *or Silver State Tag Drawing* may be deposited with the
33 State Treasurer for credit to the Wildlife Account in the State
34 General Fund. Any amount of money received from the bid , ~~for~~
35 auction *or Silver State Tag Drawing* that is not so deposited must
36 be deposited with the State Treasurer for credit to the Wildlife
37 Heritage Trust Account in the State General Fund in accordance
38 with the provisions of NRS 501.3575.

39 6. The Commission may by regulation establish an additional
40 drawing for big game tags, which may be entitled the Partnership in
41 Wildlife Drawing. To reimburse the Department for the cost of
42 managing wildlife and administering and conducting the drawing,
43 not more than 18 percent of the total amount of money received
44 from the drawing may be deposited with the State Treasurer for
45 credit to the Wildlife Account in the State General Fund. Except as



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1 otherwise provided by regulations adopted by the Commission
2 pursuant to subsection 7, the money received by the Department
3 from applicants in the drawing who are not awarded big game tags
4 must be deposited with the State Treasurer for credit to the Wildlife
5 Heritage Trust Account in accordance with the provisions of
6 NRS 501.3575.
7 7. The Commission may adopt regulations which authorize the
8 return of all or a portion of any fee collected from a person pursuant
9 to the provisions of this section.
10 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2009.

