

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 516—COMMITTEE ON NATURAL
RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND MINING

MARCH 23, 2009

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources,
Agriculture, and Mining

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing the use of money in
the Wildlife Account. (BDR 45-708)

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; requiring any matching money
received by the Department of Wildlife from any source
to be used only for the management of wildlife; providing
that certain fees from the sale of licenses, tags or permits
must be used under the guidance of the Board of Wildlife
Commissioners; and providing other matters properly
relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

- 1 Existing law requires the Board of Wildlife Commissioners to guide the
 - 2 Department of Wildlife in carrying out various provisions of law governing wildlife
 - 3 and boating. (NRS 501.181) Existing law also requires that, with certain
 - 4 exceptions, all fees for the sale or issuance of stamps, tags, permits and licenses that
 - 5 are required to be deposited in the Wildlife Account be used only for the
 - 6 management of wildlife. (NRS 501.356) This bill expands that use requirement to
 - 7 include any matching money received by the Department from any source. This bill
 - 8 also provides that certain fees must be used under the guidance of the Commission.
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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- 1 **Section 1.** NRS 501.356 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 2 501.356 1. Money received by the Department from:
- 3 (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 Department 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.

4. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 502.250 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 *and any matching money received by the Department from any source* must be accounted for separately and ~~may~~ must be used ~~only~~ :

(a) Only for the management of wildlife ~~and~~; and

(b) *If the fee is for the sale or issuance of a license, permit or tag other than a tag specified in subsection 5 or 6 of NRS 502.250, under the guidance of the Commission pursuant to subsection 2 of NRS 501.181.*

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2009.

