

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 503—COMMITTEE ON NATURAL
RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND MINING

MARCH 28, 2011

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources,
Agriculture, and Mining

SUMMARY—Revises certain provisions governing the use of
money in the Wildlife Obligated Reserve Account.
(BDR 45-1091)

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; revising certain provisions governing
the use of money in the Wildlife Obligated Reserve
Account; and providing other matters properly relating
thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 Existing law provides that, in addition to any fee charged and collected for an
2 annual hunting, trapping, fishing or combined hunting and fishing license, a \$3
3 habitat conservation fee must be paid. The proceeds from this fee must be deposited
4 in the Wildlife Obligated Reserve Account and must be used for wildlife habitat
5 rehabilitation and restoration. (NRS 502.242) This bill provides that, each year, not
6 more than 18 percent of the money credited to the Wildlife Obligated Reserve
7 Account from any revenue received from those habitat conservation fees may be
8 used to monitor wildlife and its habitat for the purposes of wildlife habitat
9 rehabilitation and restoration.

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

1 **Section 1.** (Deleted by amendment.)
2 **Sec. 2.** NRS 502.242 is hereby amended to read as follows:
3 502.242 1. In addition to any fee charged and collected for an
4 annual hunting, trapping, fishing or combined hunting and fishing
5 license pursuant to NRS 502.240, a habitat conservation fee of \$3
6 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 *this subsection and* NRS 502.294 and 502.310, used by the Department for the purposes of wildlife habitat rehabilitation and restoration. *Each year, not more than 18 percent of the money credited to the Wildlife Obligated Reserve Account from any revenue received pursuant to subsection 1 may be used to monitor wildlife and its habitat for those purposes.* 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. 3. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 4. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2011.

