
ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 525—COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

(ON BEHALF OF THE DIVISION OF BUDGET AND PLANNING)

MARCH 28, 2011

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

SUMMARY—Creates the Wildlife Trust Fund. (BDR 45-1213)

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; creating the Wildlife Trust Fund; requiring the Director of the Department of Wildlife to administer the Wildlife Trust Fund; authorizing the Director to accept gifts, grants, donations and endowments of money for the Wildlife Trust Fund; requiring the Director to report income and expenditures from the Wildlife Trust Fund to the Chief of the Budget Division of the Department of Administration and the Legislature; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 This bill creates the Wildlife Trust Fund for the purposes of receiving gifts,
2 grants, donations and endowments of money for the Department of Wildlife. The
3 Director of the Department is required to administer the Wildlife Trust Fund and is
4 authorized to accept the money for the Wildlife Trust Fund. The money in the
5 Wildlife Trust Fund must be used either for the specified purpose of the donor who
6 donated the money or, if the donor specified no purpose, then for carrying out the
7 provisions of law administered by the Department. Finally, this bill requires the
8 Director to annually report the income and expenditures of the Wildlife Trust Fund
9 to the Chief of the Budget Division of the Department of Administration and to the
10 Legislature if it is in session, or if it is not in session, to the Interim Finance
11 Committee.



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

Section 1. Chapter 501 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. The Wildlife Trust Fund is hereby created in the State Treasury. The Director shall administer the Wildlife Trust Fund and may accept gifts, grants, donations and endowments of money from any source for deposit in the Wildlife Trust Fund. The money in the Wildlife Trust Fund must be invested as the money in other state funds is invested. The interest and income earned on the money in the Wildlife Trust Fund must be credited to the Wildlife Trust Fund.

2. Money which is donated for a purpose specified by the donor, within the scope of the Director's duties, must be used only for that specified purpose. If no purpose is specified, the money in the Wildlife Trust Fund may be used 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.

3. If all or part of the money accepted by the Director from a donor is not expended before the end of any fiscal year, the remaining balance of the amount donated must remain in the Wildlife Trust Fund until needed for the purpose specified by the donor.

4. Each year, the Director shall submit an itemized statement of the income and expenditures of the Department from the Wildlife Trust Fund to:

(a) The Chief of the Budget Division of the Department of Administration together with the other submissions required of the Department pursuant to NRS 353.210; and

(b) The Legislature if it is in session or, if the Legislature is not in session, to the Interim Finance Committee.

Sec. 2. NRS 501.356 is hereby amended to read as follows:

501.356 1. Money received by the Department from:

(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 ,



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1 ~~for~~ in the Trout Management Account pursuant to NRS 502.327 ~~or~~
2 *or in the Wildlife Trust Fund pursuant to section 1 of this act,*
3 ➔ must be deposited with the State Treasurer for credit to the
4 Wildlife Account in the State General Fund.

5 2. The interest and income earned on the money in the Wildlife
6 Account, after deducting any applicable charges, must be credited to
7 the Account.

8 3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, the
9 Department may use money in the Wildlife Account only to carry
10 out the provisions of this title and chapter 488 of NRS and as
11 provided in NRS 365.535, and the money must not be diverted to
12 any other use.

13 4. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 502.250 and 504.155,
14 all fees for the sale or issuance of stamps, tags, permits and licenses
15 that are required to be deposited in the Wildlife Account pursuant to
16 the provisions of this title and any matching money received by the
17 Department from any source must be accounted for separately and
18 must be used:

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

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

24 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2011.

