

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 136—ASSEMBLYMEN ELLISON, WHEELER,
FIORE; DICKMAN, MOORE, SEAMAN AND TITUS

FEBRUARY 11, 2015

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources,
Agriculture, and Mining

SUMMARY—Makes various changes relating to wildlife.
(BDR 45-561)

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; requiring the Department of Wildlife to make reasonable accommodations for the completion of a course in the responsibilities of hunters by persons with disabilities; authorizing a person hunting with archery equipment or a muzzle-loading firearm to carry certain firearms; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

- 1 Existing law authorizes the Department of Wildlife to provide a course of
2 instruction in the responsibilities of hunters and requires a person to complete such
3 a course before obtaining a hunting license. (NRS 502.330, 502.340) **Section 2.5** of
4 this bill requires the Department to make reasonable accommodations for the
5 completion of the course in the responsibilities of hunters by a person with a
6 disability.
7 Existing law provides for the manner of hunting game birds and game
8 mammals. (NRS 503.090-503.245) **Section 3** of this bill authorizes a person
9 hunting with archery equipment or a muzzle-loading firearm to carry for self-
10 defense a firearm that: (1) has a barrel length of less than 8 inches; and (2) does not
11 have a telescopic sight.

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.** (Deleted by amendment.)



Sec. 2.5. NRS 502.340 is hereby amended to read as follows:

502.340 1. The Department shall certify instructors who will, with the cooperation of the Department, provide instruction in the responsibilities of hunters established by the Department to all eligible persons who, upon the successful completion of the course, must be issued a certificate. Persons who are disqualified from obtaining a hunting license, pursuant to NRS 502.330, are eligible for the course.

2. *The Department shall make reasonable accommodations for the completion of the course by a person with a disability.*

Sec. 3. NRS 503.150 is hereby amended to read as follows:

503.150 1. Unless otherwise specified by Commission regulation, it is unlawful to hunt:

(a) Any game bird or game mammal with any gun capable of firing more than one round with one continuous pull of the trigger, or with any full steel, full steel core, full metal jacket, tracer or incendiary bullet or shell, or any shotgun larger than number 10 gauge.

(b) Big game mammals in any manner other than with a rifle, held in the hand, that exerts at least 1,000 foot-pounds of energy at 100 yards, or with a longbow and arrow which meet the specifications established by Commission regulation.

(c) Small game mammals in any manner other than with a handgun, shotgun, rifle, longbow and arrow or by means of falconry.

(d) Game birds with any rifle or handgun, or in any manner other than with a shotgun held in the hand, with a longbow and arrow or by means of falconry.

(e) Migratory game birds with any shotgun capable of holding more than three shells.

(f) Any game bird or game mammal with the aid of any artificial light.

(g) Any big game mammal, except mountain lions, with a dog of any breed.

2. *A person who is hunting with archery equipment or a muzzle-loading firearm:*

(a) *May carry for self-defense a firearm that:*

(1) *Has a barrel length of less than 8 inches; and*

(2) *Does not have a telescopic sight.*

(b) *May not use the firearm to hunt any wildlife.*

3. Nothing in this section prohibits the use of dogs in the hunting of game birds or small game mammals.

Sec. 4. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2015.

