

SENATE BILL NO. 417—COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

MARCH 19, 2015

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources

SUMMARY—Prohibits the use of telemetry data to hunt or kill game mammals or game birds. (BDR 45-549)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: Increases or Newly Provides for Term of Imprisonment in County Jail or Detention Facility.
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; prohibiting the use of telemetry data to hunt or kill game mammals or game birds; providing a penalty; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

- 1 Existing law prohibits certain activities relating to the taking of game mammals
2 and game birds. (NRS 503.010, 503.150) Existing law also provides that a violation
3 of the provisions which govern wildlife is a misdemeanor. (NRS 501.385) This bill
4 prohibits the use of any information obtained from a radio signal or other
5 transmission received from any transmitting device that is attached to a game
6 mammal or game bird to hunt any game mammal or game bird.

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

- 1 **Section 1.** NRS 503.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 503.010 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section or
3 subsection 2 of NRS 503.005, it is unlawful to molest, rally, stir up
4 or drive any game mammals or game birds with an aircraft,
5 helicopter or motor-driven vehicle, including a motorboat or
6 sailboat.
7 2. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, it is
8 unlawful to shoot at any game mammals or game birds with a
9 weapon from an aircraft, helicopter or motor-driven vehicle. A



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1 person who is a paraplegic, has had one or both legs amputated or
2 has suffered a paralysis of one or both legs which severely impedes
3 the person's walking may shoot from a stopped motor vehicle which
4 is not parked on the traveled portion of a public highway, but the
5 person may not shoot from, over or across a highway or road
6 specified in NRS 503.175.

7 3. It is unlawful to spot or locate game mammals or game birds
8 with any kind of aircraft or helicopter and communicate that
9 information, within 24 hours after the aircraft or helicopter has
10 landed or in violation of a regulation of the Commission, by any
11 means to a person on the ground for the purpose of hunting or
12 trapping. The provisions of this subsection do not prohibit an
13 employee or agent of the Department from providing general
14 information to the public concerning the location of game birds or
15 game mammals.

16 4. It is unlawful to use any information obtained in violation of
17 the provisions of subsection 3 to hunt or kill game mammals or
18 game birds.

19 5. It is unlawful to use a helicopter to transport game, hunters
20 or hunting equipment, except when the cargo or passengers, or both,
21 are loaded and unloaded at airports, airplane landing fields or
22 heliports, which have been established by a department or agency of
23 the Federal or State Government or by a county or municipal
24 government or when the loading or unloading is done in the course
25 of an emergency or search and rescue operation.

26 6. *It is unlawful to use any information obtained from a radio*
27 *signal or other transmission received from any transmitting device*
28 *that is attached to a game mammal or game bird to hunt or kill*
29 *any game mammal or game bird.*

30 7. The provisions of subsection 1 do not apply to an employee
31 or agent of the Department who, while carrying out his or her duties,
32 conducts a survey of wildlife with the use of an aircraft.

33 ~~17-1~~ 8. As used in this section ~~1,~~ *“game”* :

34 (a) *“Game bird”* does not include a raven even if classified as a
35 game bird pursuant to NRS 501.110.

36 (b) *“Transmitting device” means any collar or other device*
37 *which is attached to any game mammal or game bird and emits an*
38 *electronic signal or uses radio telemetry or a satellite transmission*
39 *to determine the location of the game mammal or game bird.*

40 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2015.

